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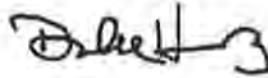
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Sincerely yours,



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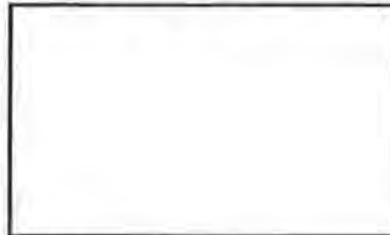
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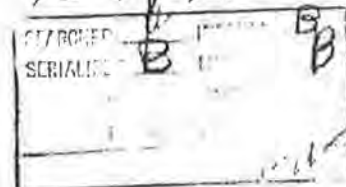


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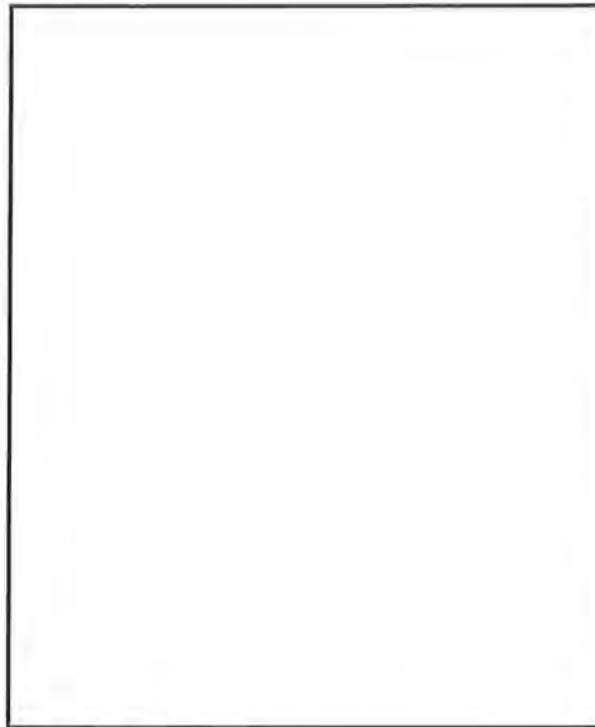
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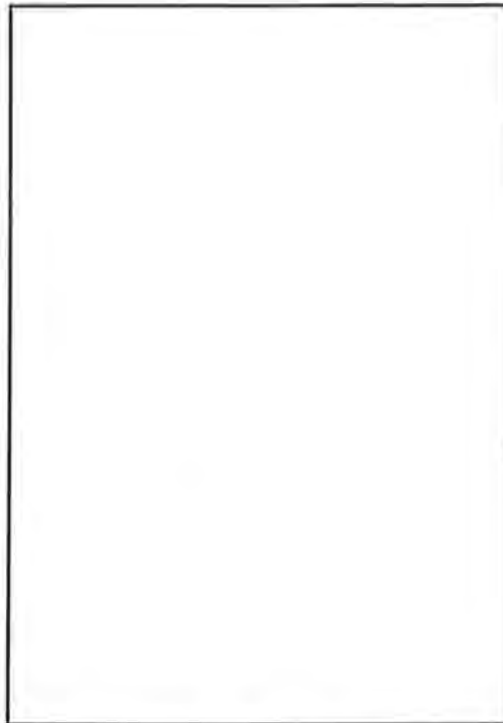


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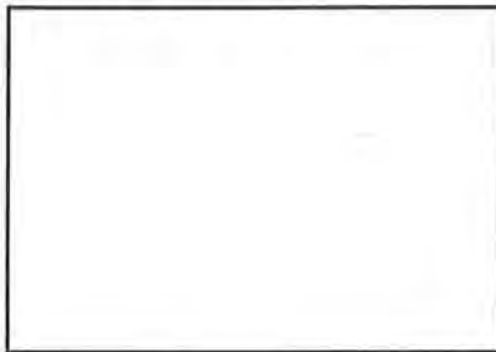


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The Patriot, Inc.
Post Office Box 743
Summit, New Jersey



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A source advised that the MacArthur Gun Club was organized in May, 1964, for the purpose of forming a "home guard to protect whites against a Negro insurrection." Meetings have been held at irregular intervals at homes of various members. Membership estimated at 20. The group, according to source, has held target practice in the woods in the Ellenton, Florida, area. On July 28, 1964, source advised it was announced to the membership that each member will be armed with a .30 caliber rifle which would operate fully automatic, with an adequate supply of ammunition.

Source advised that meetings of the MacArthur Gun Club havenot been held since 11/24/64; and the organization has not been active since that time.

On April 24, 1965, source advised that on 4/23/65 the former chairman of the MacArthur Gun Club stated no additional meetings of this organization are planned; and the organization would not be reactivated.

The source mentioned above is 

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INCORPORATED

P. O. BOX 645

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

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FOR PENETRATING ---

the news blackout

WHAT IS LET FREEDOM RING?

(LET FREEDOM RING IS A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION ESTABLISHED TO DISSEMINATE ANTI COMMUNIST, ANTI-SOCIALIST, PRO-AMERICAN BROADCASTS VIA A TELEPHONE TAPE RECORDING. YOUR "CUSTOMER" DIALS A NUMBER (JUST LIKE TIME AND WEATHER), AND GETS 2 MINUTES OF ANTI-COMMUNIST DYNAMITE. HE IS AUTOMATICALLY CUT OFF AT THE END OF THE BROADCAST.)

✓ THE SCRIPTS ARE WRITTEN IN SARASOTA. ALL OUR FACTS ARE CAREFULLY DOCUMENTED. WE USE WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS NOT GENERALLY AVAILABLE, THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, TWO FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, AND MANY OTHER SOURCES.)

YOU WILL BE AMAZED AT THE INFLUENCE THAT YOU HAVE ON PUBLIC OPINION ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. LAST YEAR, FOR INSTANCE, WE WERE GIVEN CREDIT FOR HAVING KILLED THE UNICEF CHRISTMAS CARD DRIVE LOCALLY - AN ACCOMPLISHMENT OF WHICH WE ARE VERY PROUD.

THE SAMPLE BROADCASTS IN THE BACK ARE ✓ FROM 1-1/2 TO 2 MINUTES IN LENGTH. YOUR LOCAL VOICES ARE USED, OF COURSE, AND THE MORE VARIETY IN VOICES THE BETTER, (IT WILL KEEP THE ENEMY GUESSING; THEY WILL THINK THERE ARE A MILLION OF YOU IF THREE OR FOUR PEOPLE PARTICIPATE - LIBERALS TEND TO BE PARANOID, YOU KNOW!)

LET FREEDOM RING BRINGS TO YOUR AREA A HARD-HITTING, OFTEN SHOCKING PROGRAM THAT IS "ON THE AIR" 24 HOURS A DAY. UNLIKE THE RADIO, YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LISTENERS ARE REALLY LISTENING; IF THEY DIDN'T WANT TO LISTEN, THEY WOULDN'T DIAL. ALSO, UNLIKE THE RADIO OR TELEVISION, YOUR LISTENER DOESN'T MISS THE PROGRAM BECAUSE HE GOT HOME LATE FROM THE OFFICE. HE CAN DIAL AT THREE IN THE AFTERNOON OR THREE IN THE MORNING - ANY DAY OF THE WEEK, AT HIS CONVENIENCE. YOU WILL BE AMAZED AT THE FRANTIC REACTION THAT YOU WILL GET FROM YOUR ENEMIES - THEY WILL HATE IT!

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TO ORGANIZE ---

CALL YOUR TELEPHONE COMPANY AND TELL THEM THAT YOU WISH TO INSTALL AN ANSWERING MACHINE IN YOUR HOME. YOU WANT A "MESSAGE ONLY" MACHINE, NOT ONE THAT TAKES MESSAGES FROM THE CALLER, AND IT MUST HAVE A 2 MINUTE TAPE. YOUR LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANY WILL RENT YOU THIS OR A SIMILAR MACHINE. A MICROPHONE IS SUPPLIED AND THE RECORDINGS ARE MADE DIRECTLY INTO THE MACHINE. NO OTHER EQUIPMENT SUCH AS TAPE RECORDERS OR AMPLIFIERS IS NEEDED.

YOUR BIGGEST PROBLEM WILL PROBABLY BE IN GETTING YOUR MACHINE INSTALLED PROPERLY. IN OUR EXPERIENCE THEY INVARIABLY INSTALL THE WRONG MACHINE, THE WRONG LENGTH OF TAPE OR BOTH.

BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ADEQUATE FUNDS BEFORE STARTING. THE MINIMUM FUNDING REQUIRED IS THE COST PER MONTH TO RENT YOUR MACHINE. AS YOU BECOME BETTER KNOWN, CONTRIBUTIONS COME A LITTLE EASIER, (BUT NEVER REALLY EASY!).

BE SURE THAT THE TELEPHONE COMPANY ASSIGNS YOU AN "OPEN END" NUMBER. THAT IS, IF YOUR NUMBER FOR YOUR FIRST MACHINE IS 924-2100, YOU WANT 924-2101, 924-2102, ETC. RESERVED FOR FUTURE EXPANSION. YOU WANT AS MANY NUMBERS RESERVED AS YOU THINK THE POTENTIAL OF YOUR AREA DEMANDS.

HAVING AN "OPEN END" NUMBER ENABLES YOU TO ADD MORE MACHINES CONNECTED WITH A "ROTARY SYSTEM" AND REQUIRES THE USE OF ONLY ONE TELEPHONE NUMBER. THAT IS, IF 924-2100 IS BUSY THEN 924-2101 IS ENGAGED AND DELIVERS THE MESSAGE.

ENCLOSED IS A CONTRACT. RETAIN ONE COPY OF IT FOR YOUR FILES AND RETURN THE OTHER TO US. THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT IS NECESSARY FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. ONE REASON IS TO GIVE OUR HEADQUARTERS SOME FUNDS FOR RATIONAL EXPANSION AND COORDINATION. BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON FOR THE CONTRACT IS TO KEEP THE PROGRAM UNDER INTELLIGENT, HARD-HITTING, CONSERVATIVE CONTROL. A PUSSY-FOOTING CONSERVATIVE (OR WORSE) CAN DESTROY AN ANTI-COMMUNIST EFFORT IN NO TIME. IF YOU WISH TO JOIN US, PLEASE SEND SOME REFERENCES. WE INTEND TO BE CHOOSY AND, ALTHOUGH WE'RE IN A HURRY, WE ARE GOING TO "MAKE HASTE SLOWLY."

ADVERTISING ---

NO MATTER HOW BEAUTIFUL THE SCREAMS OF PAIN FROM THE LEFT WING PRESS, (RESULTING IN HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS OF FREE ADVERTISING), YOU WILL HAVE TO PUT THE NAME CONSTANTLY BEFORE THE PUBLIC AFTER THE INITIAL FLURRY OF INTEREST DIES DOWN. EVEN YOUR STRONGEST SUPPORTERS WILL TAKE YOU FOR GRANTED, AFTER A WHILE, UNLESS YOU REMIND THEM.

ADVERTISING SUGGESTIONS:

- (1) REPRINTS OF ARTICLES FROM HEADQUARTERS WITH YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER ON THEM. THESE CAN BE PLACED ON COUNTER TOPS, PASSED OUT AT MEETINGS, ETC.
- (2) CALLING CARDS - USE OURS OR MAKE YOUR OWN. WE WILL SELL YOU THESE AT OUR COST.
- (3) WINDOW CARDS IN SYMPATHETIC BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE INITIAL BROADCAST WE SEND YOU WILL BE ESPECIALLY "STRONG," (BUT FACTUAL), IN ORDER TO GET AS MUCH FREE ADVERTISING AS POSSIBLE FROM THE NEWSPAPERS AND BY WORD OF MOUTH. AFTER THE MESSAGE HAS BEEN ON FOR 24 HOURS, HAVE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE CALL THE NEWSPAPERS AND INQUIRE, "WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?" "IS WHAT THEY SAY TRUE?" "IS IT LEGAL?" ETC.

WE THEN SUGGEST THAT YOU STEADFASTLY REFUSE TO GIVE INTERVIEWS AND EXPLAIN THAT YOU ARE NOT LOOKING FOR PERSONAL PUBLICITY. IF THEY CONTINUE TO HARASS YOU THEN HAVE THEM SUBMIT QUESTIONS IN WRITING. ANSWER THEM CAREFULLY AND MAKE YOUR ANSWERS EXTREMELY SHORT SO AS TO ALLEVIATE DISTORTION BY THE PRESS. SEE THE BACK PAGE FOR AN EXAMPLE OF HOW WE HANDLED THE PROBLEM AND TURNED THEIR ATTEMPT TO SMEAR US INTO A PROPAGANDA VICTORY.

THE COST ---

THE ANSWERING MACHINE WILL COST ABOUT \$30 A MONTH. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE AN INITIAL INSTALLATION CHARGE. OUR SUBSCRIPTION CHARGE IS \$24 THE FIRST YEAR AND \$12 YEARLY THEREAFTER. THE BROADCASTS ARE AIR MAILED FROM SARASOTA EVERY TUESDAY. IT MUST BE REALIZED THAT YOUR \$12 DONATION EACH YEAR IS ALL OF THE INCOME THAT WE RECEIVE FROM YOUR ENTIRE CITY. WE MAY HAVE 5,000 LISTENERS A WEEK IN YOUR CITY BUT WE HAVE ONLY ONE SUBSCRIBER - YOU.

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THIS AGREEMENT, Made and entered into on the _____ day of _____, 196_, by and between LET FREEDOM RING, INCORPORATED OF FLORIDA, and _____, of _____, hereinafter referred to as THE SUBSCRIBER,

WITNESSETH:

1. That the Subscriber has contributed to the Committee the sum of TWENTY FOUR (\$24.00) DOLLARS, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

2. That in consideration of said contribution made by the subscriber, LET FREEDOM RING INCORPORATED does agree that it shall furnish to the Subscriber, for a period of one year commencing on the _____ day of _____, 196_, fifty two (52) weekly broadcasts used by it in Sarasota, Florida. The Subscriber is authorized to utilize said broadcasts in the same manner LET FREEDOM RING, INCORPORATED utilizes them in Sarasota, Florida, except that the Subscriber agrees to use not less than forty (40) of said broadcasts during the next ensuing calendar year, reserving an average of one broadcast per month for the Subscriber to air local issues in his immediate area.

3. LET FREEDOM RING, INCORPORATED reserves the right, upon thirty (30) days notice, to discontinue the furnishing of said broadcasts to Subscriber, without further liability therefor.

4. The Subscriber agrees to assume all liability for any action at law which may be brought against him by reason of the use of broadcasts prepared solely by Subscriber.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, LET FREEDOM RING, INC., by its duly authorized officers and the Subscriber hereinabove named have set their hands and seals this _____ day of _____, 196_.

A T T E S T:

Secretary

LET FREEDOM RING, INCORPORATED

By: _____
Chairman

Subscriber

LET FREEDOM RING!
June 8, 1964

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FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER HAS RECEIVED SOME UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY RECENTLY. IF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE KNEW THE REAL EISENHOWER, THEY WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT HE WAS AN INCOMPETENT GENERAL AND THAT HE IS DOING EVERYTHING HE CAN TODAY TO KEEP ANTI-COMMUNIST BARRY GOLDWATER OR ANY OTHER REAL ANTI-COMMUNIST FROM GETTING THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION. CONTRARY TO WHAT YOU READ IN THE PRESS, EISENHOWER WILL CONTINUE TO BEND EVERY EFFORT TO STOP GOLDWATER.

DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER IS ONE OF THE GREATEST PHONIES EVER PUT OVER ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE ELECTED EISENHOWER IN REVULSION AGAINST THE TRUMAN SCANDALS AND THE EXPOSURE OF TRAITORS SUCH AS ALGER HISS. BUT WHILE THE PEOPLE SLEPT AND LEFT EVERYTHING TO THE GRINNING "IKE," THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION HELPED THE COMMUNISTS GOBBLE UP VAST QUANTITIES OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING CUBA, AND BLOCKED EVERY SINCERE EFFORT OF PATRIOTS TO CLEAN THE COMMUNISTS OUT OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

EISENHOWER TOOK A PERSONAL PART IN THE DESTRUCTION OF SENATOR JOSEPH MC CARTHY. HE PUT THE PRO-COMMUNIST TOADIE EARL WARREN ON THE SUPREME COURT; HE LOOKED THE OTHER WAY WHEN THE HUNGARIAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS APPEALED FOR HELP AND HE ASSURED RUSSIA THAT WE WOULD NOT INTERVENE.

FEW AMERICANS KNOW THAT EISENHOWER WAS THE PRESIDENTIAL CHOICE OF ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, CLAUDE PEPPER AND OTHER LEFT WING RADICALS. EVEN FEWER KNOW THAT EISENHOWER'S BOOK "CRUSADE IN EUROPE" WAS GHOST WRITTEN BY IDENTIFIED COMMUNIST AGENT JOSEPH FELS BARNES.

TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE PERFIDY AND DECEIT OF DWIGHT EISENHOWER AND MANY OTHER OF THE SO-CALLED MODERATE AND REPUBLICANS, YOU SHOULD READ, "THE POLITICIAN."

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND YOU FREE AN EXCELLENT REVIEW OF THIS OUTSTANDING BOOK. FOR YOUR FREE COPY OF THIS BOOK REVIEW, SEND A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO:

THE EISENHOWER PROBLEM
Box 1775
SARASOTA, FLORIDA

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LET FREEDOM RING!
October 31, 1964
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HALLOWEEN IS HERE - AND THE GOBLINS ARE OUT IN FULL FORCE. ONE OF THE WORST GOBLINS OF ALL IS UNICEF - THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN FUND. THIS UN ORGANIZATION GETS GULLIBLE AMERICAN PARENTS TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN GO PANHANDLING ON HALLOWEEN FOR THE WORLD WELFARE STATE INSTEAD OF TRADITIONAL AMERICAN TRICK OR TREAT.

HERE ARE SOME COLD FACTS ABOUT UNICEF - THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDRENS FUND:

1. \$10 MILLION DOLLARS OF UNICEF MONEY WAS USED BY THE UN IN 1961 TO SUBJUGATE THROUGH FORCE OF ARMS, THE ANTI-COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT OF KATANGA.
2. COMMUNIST YUGOSLAVIA, COMMUNIST POLAND AND RED CHINA RECEIVE HUGE AMOUNTS FROM UNICEF. IN 1960 CUBA RECEIVED \$132,000 FROM INNOCENT AMERICAN CHILDREN THROUGH UNICEF AND LAST YEAR, \$670,000 WAS EARMARKED FOR COMMUNIST ALGERIA.
3. AT LEAST 120 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH UNICEF HAVE HAD COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS.

LAWRENCE TIMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ANTI-SUBVERSIVE COMMITTEE SAYS (QUOTE):

"ONE OF THE BEST EXAMPLES OF SUBVERSION IS THAT OF THE CHURCHES OF THIS COUNTRY BEING INJECTED INTO THE UNICEF PROGRAM. SOME MINISTERS AND OTHERS TAKE ISSUE WITH THIS STATEMENT FOR THE REASON THAT THEY AND THEIR CHURCHES HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN UNICEF HALLOWEEN DRIVES AND THEY DO NOT WANT TO BELIEVE THE TRUTH."
(UNQUOTE)

PROTEST, MR. AND MRS. (YOUR CITY), IF YOUR CHURCH OR SERVICE GROUP IS SUPPORTING THIS FRAUDULENT USE OF AMERICA'S CHILDREN, TO PERVERT A TRADITIONAL AMERICAN HOLIDAY.

BETWEEN HALLOWEEN AND CHRISTMAS, U.N. PROMOTERS WILL BE SELLING CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR UNICEF. REMEMBER, MR. AND MRS. (YOUR CITY), UNICEF MONEY, LIKE SCRAP TO JAPAN, MAY COME BACK TO YOUR CHILDREN FROM THE IRON CURTAIN IN THE FORM OF BULLETS.

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WITH THE AWARDING OF THE NOBEL "PEACE" PRIZE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS TO EVERYONE THAT THE NOBEL PRIZE IS NOTHING MORE THAN AN INSTRUMENT FOR FURTHERING THE CAUSE OF COMMUNIST WORLD REVOLUTION. THE COMMUNISTS HAVE DIRECTED THEIR FOLLOWERS TO LOOK TO DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE RACIAL REVOLUTION AND HE HAS UNDOUBTEDLY INSPIRED MORE HATRED BETWEEN THE RACES THAN ANY OTHER TEN MEN.

THE ENORMITY OF THIS INSULT TO THE AMERICAN NEGRO IS REVEALED IN KING'S BACKGROUND, OF WHICH MOST AMERICANS KNOW VERY LITTLE. HE HAS DOZENS OF COMMUNIST-FRONT AFFILIATIONS AND HE HAS BEEN PHOTOGRAPHED IN ATTENDANCE AT A COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL. KING HAS MANY CLOSE ASSOCIATES WITH NOTORIOUS COMMUNIST RECORDS AND ONE OF THEM, BAYARD RUSTIN, IS A SEX PERVERT, DRAFT DODGER, JAIL BIRD AND A FORMER MEMBER OF THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE.

ARE WE USING "GUILT BY ASSOCIATION?" YES, WE CERTAINLY ARE DID YOU EVER SEE A PELICAN COHABIT WITH A WOODPECKER? NEITHER DID WE. AND UNTIL WE SIGHT OUR FIRST PELIPECKER, WE WILL MAINTAIN THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IS A FAKE HUMANITARIAN WHO IS LEADING THE NEGRO PEOPLE INTO THE ABYSS OF COMMUNISM.

FROM THE MANCHESTER NEW HAMPSHIRE UNION LEADER ... QUOTE: "ARE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SO BEMUSED BY CIVIL RIGHTS PROPAGANDA THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER WILLING TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST SUCH AFFRONTS TO COMMON DECENCY? OR HAVE THEY BEEN SUFFICIENTLY COWED BY THE CHARGE OF 'BIDOTRY' THAT THEY FEEL THEY DARE NOT SPEAK OUT AGAINST MANIFESTATIONS OF NEGRO RACISM?" (UNQUOTE)

FOR THE UGLY TRUTH ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SEND A \$1 DONATION TO:

"The Fake Humanitarian"
Box 1770
Sarasota, Florida

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AMERICA WILL SOON BE IN A POSITION OF HOPELESS MILITARY INFERIORITY TO THE BEASTS OF RUSSIA BECAUSE OF DELIBERATE DISARMAMENT BY TRAITORS IN THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION. THE NIKE-ZEUS MISSILE, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS JUNKED AFTER HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TESTS SUPPOSEDLY BECAUSE THE NIKE-X WAS TO BE A BETTER WEAPON. BUT THEN FUNDS WERE DENIED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF NIKE-X. THIS IS NOT ECONOMY: THIS IS NOT STUPIDITY: THIS IS TREASON!

MISSILES ARE NOW POISED IN CUBA FOR A FINAL, FATAL SHOT AT AMERICA'S HEART. YET LYNDON JOHNSON, IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS, DRONED ON ABOUT HIS PHONY WAR ON POVERTY AND PRETENDED THAT THE COMMUNIST THREAT TO AMERICA DID NOT EXIST.

RUNNING APACE WITH THIS DISARMAMENT ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL IS THE PLAN TO DISARM INDIVIDUAL AMERICANS THROUGH COMPULSORY GUN REGISTRATION AND THEN EVENTUAL SEIZURE OF ALL REGISTERED WEAPONS. AFTER THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED, RACE RIOTS, STRIKES, SABOTAGE AND OTHER FORMS OF COMMUNIST-DIRECTED DISORDER WILL BE USED AS AN EXCUSE TO BRING AMERICA UNDER THE HEEL OF A U. N. MILITARY JUNTA.

IF WE ARE DISARMED BOTH NATIONALLY AND AS INDIVIDUALS, IF THE AMERICAN ARMY IS IN THE FAR CORNERS OF THE WORLD, SUPPOSEDLY FIGHTING COMMUNISM, WHO IS TO STOP THE COMMUNIST-DIRECTED U.N. ARMY FROM MOVING IN UNDER THE PRETEXT OF ESTABLISHING LAW AND ORDER? HOW MANY AMERICANS KNOW THAT 30 NATIONS MET IN CANADA LAST JULY IN ORDER TO STREAMLINE THIS MILITARY JUNTA? THIS MEETING WAS BIG NEWS IN CANADA BUT WAS LARGELY SUPPRESSED IN THE UNITED STATES.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ALL ABOUT THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN TO HELP THE KREMLIN BURY YOU, SEND A DOLLAR DONATION TO"

The Gravediggers
Box 1775
Sarasota, Florida

FOR ONE DOLLAR WE WILL SEND YOU 2 COPIES OF THIS SHOCKING BOOK.

LET FREEDOM RING!

References:

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ONCE A MOROCCAN BANDIT NAMED RAISULI KIDNAPPED AN AMERICAN NAMED PERDICARIS. A VIRILE AND PROUD AMERICA ROSE UP AND SAID, "PERDICARIS ALIVE OR RAISULI DEAD!" TODAY THE NAMES ARE DIFFERENT - CARLSON, D GBENYE - THE SITUATION IS THE SAME. BUT SOMETHING ELSE IS DIFFERENT. THE AMERICAN VIRILITY AND COURAGE ARE GONE AND, INSTEAD OF SAYING "CARLSON ALIVE OR GBENYE DEAD," OUR DEGENERATE AND COWARDLY STATE DEPARTMENT WENT TO ITS KNEES AND PLEADED WITH A RED CANNIBAL NAMED KENYATTA TO INTERCEDE FOR US.

IN A SENSE, DR. PAUL CARLSON WAS A FRAUD. HIS PATIENTS UNDOUBTEDLY THOUGHT THAT ALL AMERICANS WERE LIKE HIM - DEDICATED AND UNAFRAID. BUT THEY WERE WRONG. AN AMERICA, PARALYZED WITH WEALTH AND DRUGGED WITH CHEAP TELEVISION WILL DO NOTHING TO AVENGE HIS DEATH.

THE NAME CARLSON HAS LEFT THE NEWSPAPER FRONT PAGE TO BE REPLACED BY THE NAME KING -- THE NAME OF A NOTORIOUS RACKETEER AND COMMUNIST-FRONTER WHO HAS RECEIVED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. ONE MAN WHO HATES AND ONE WHO LOVES: THE ONE WHO LOVES HIS BLACK BROTHER IS SHOT IN THE HEAD BY A COMMUNIST: THE ONE WHO HATES HIS WHITE BROTHER AND SUPPORTS THESE COMMUNISTS IS GIVEN A PEACE PRIZE AND \$50,000.

BUT, SAYS THE EMASCULATED AMERICAN, IT WAS AN ACCIDENT. CARLSON WASN'T EXECUTED OFFICIALLY, YOU KNOW. HE WAS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT BY AN ACCIDENTAL BULLET FROM AN ACCIDENTAL AMERICA-FINANCED GUN AND THE TRIGGER WAS PULLED, ACCIDENTALLY OF COURSE, BY A COMMUNIST REBEL.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS ALSO SHOT IN THE HEAD BY A COMMUNIST REBEL AND AMERICA DID NOTHING TO AVENGE HIS DEATH. NO ONE WILL AVENGE A SIMPLE MISSIONARY? HE WAS ONLY AN AMERICAN - AN AMERICAN DOCTOR - AN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN. WHO CARES? AMERICA MUST REGAIN THE COURAGE OF ITS FOREFATHERS OR THE DEADLY BATTLE WITH COMMUNISM WILL BE LOST.

LET FREEDOM RING!

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Mrs. Leonard T. Smith

400 Highland Terr., 5C
Orange, New Jersey

March 26, 1964

Dearest [redacted]

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The "Let Freedom Ring" that I wrote to you about is going to be nationwide in a very short time. The man who started it all is [redacted]

[redacted] your newly adopted City and State. He is a well known medical doctor. One of the most gratifying things about the work that we are in, is the type of people that become completely involved.

[redacted]
In order to get the taped message call: [redacted] Be sure to tell ALL of your friends about it! We haven't had to do one bit of advertising for our New Jersey number. The Newark Evening News did it all for us on its front page. See the enclosed clipping. It's a first real breakthrough we had. Our friend [redacted] really "mothered" the thing up here. She got [redacted] an Editor friend in Georgia, who thought New Jersey was able to give the opposition the scare of their "party-line" lives, and we sure did. The lines were so busy after the newspaper story that [redacted] had to have [redacted] machines installed to handle the calls. From what the news story says apparently the opposition leaders are terrified of it, and they can't "jam" the machines because [redacted] a special device that automatically shuts it out after [redacted] two minute tape is over.

Please call [redacted] and send him one of the two news clippings I have enclosed. [redacted] has already sent one to him, but if his mail is delayed with, we suspect ours might be, he may not have received it.

Be sure to give [redacted] my warmest personal regards. We have never [redacted] in this type of work we're involved in, you become [redacted] and wonderful [redacted] and you may never, ever meet - at least not in this way. However, you can be sure that when God calls us unto Himself, we will know each other without a word being [redacted] More later.

His name, with love -

[redacted]

men and nations have been much concerned with massive force and massive struggles.

But I hope that your experiences and your observations have instilled into you a new and lasting faith in the fact that is paramount.

On this earth, there is no force so strong, none so powerful, none so finally decisive as the influence for good or evil of the committed man or the committed woman.

The course of this Nation, the contest of this world, will finally be decided not by the force of the atom, not by the strength of arms, not by the weight of industrial production.

The future will finally fall to those that are most committed to their cause.

I know there are those who say of your generation that you are apathetic, that you are indifferent, that you are cold, hard, unfeeling and uncaring security chasers seeking only a sports car, a split level and an annuity.

Well, this I do not believe.

I know there are those who consider it correct to play it cool—right to remain reserved—not good form to show great faith.

But for myself, I believe that this generation of young Americans is a committed generation, anxious and asking to be permitted to fulfill that commitment.

When other generations of Americans have had a rendezvous with war, I believe that your generation, God willing, will keep a rendezvous with peace.

Whether at home or far away, I believe it will be your destiny to fight wars men have never fought before—wars against poverty, wars against disease, against illiteracy, against discrimination, against all those things which blight the lives and the hopes of our fellow man.

As you are committed, I want you to know that your President is committed, too—committed to the future and not to the past, because we live in an age when the times men know in their youth are old history before men themselves have grown old.

The times of my generation's youth are old history now.

I came here—I was schooled here—in exciting and memorable years of our national history. None who ever knew those times can ever really forget them.

Your generation has no memory as mine does of Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal. Your generation did not know—and I never will know—the great depression and the experience of the great recovery.

With due respect but without regret, we leave behind 1934 and turn to work for the promise of 1964, for the answers of the Roosevelt years and the answers of the Coolidge years—the answers of the Wilson and the Kinley years do not serve as replies to the questions of our age or the answers of our time or the replies to today.

No man of our times understands the world as well as John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

As we must all understand the Government of the United States must be lean and trim and not large and soft. He understood that power must be principled—that when nations acquire the capacity to destroy human life they must assert the courage to redeem human life; that when nations are sure of their strength they must never be unsure of their search for peace.

This is the course that we follow in our land today.

No man can say that the road ahead will be easy, that our footing will always be sure, that there will be no obstacles, no perils.

Wherever the strong and the free may walk, danger will stalk their trail.

I believe that 30 years from now when you are reading the age that I have attained you will be looking back upon these 1960's as the time of the great American breakthrough—toward the victory of peace over war—toward the

victory of prosperity over poverty—toward the victory of human rights over human wrongs—toward the victory of enlightened minds over darkness.

Thomas Wolfe has written: "The true discovery of America is before us * * * the true fulfillment of our spirit, of our people, of our mighty land is yet to come."

Come give us what youth alone can give us, and together let us make that discovery. Thank you for coming here.

Renounce Hate Messages

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. HERMAN TOLL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 20, 1964

Mr. TOLL. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks I include a thought-provoking broadcast editorial on WCAU radio, in Philadelphia, on August 14, 1964:

RENOUNCE HATE MESSAGES

There's a vicious hate campaign going on in Philadelphia and across the Nation today. WCAU radio believes it has a duty to bring this revolting truth to its listeners.

As usual in such cases, the perpetrators of an attempt to rouse the basest instincts in man do so under the guise of patriotism. And as usual, under the cloak of secrecy.

They call themselves "Let Freedom Ring." The hatemongers circulate by word of mouth a telephone number on a Philadelphia exchange. Persons are asked, even tricked, into phoning the number. What they hear at the other end is a threatening appeal to racism * * * an attempt to whip the so-called white backlash into a frenzy.

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company is allowing this hate talk to go on in a manner prescribed by law.

But Chief Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes held that freedom of speech does not give permission to cry a false fire alarm in a crowded theatre. WCAU believes that such hate messages, at a time when the Nation is trying to grapple constructively with the problem of human rights, are feeding the fires of race hatred and possible violence. And we call upon all decent people to renounce such tactics by the undercover racists and hatemongers.

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Either House may order the printing of a document not already provided for by law, but only when the same shall be accompanied by an estimate from the Public Printer as to the probable cost thereof. Any executive department, bureau, board or independent office of the Government submitting reports or documents in response to inquiries from Congress shall submit therewith an estimate of the probable cost of printing the usual number. Nothing in this section relating to estimates shall apply to reports or documents not exceeding 50 pages (U.S. Code, title 44, sec. 140, p. 1528).

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Newark, New Jersey area; Staten
Island, New York; and Boulder,
Colorado. Negotiations are now
going forward to establish Let
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Boston, Washington, D.C. and New
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government, he was immediately
branded as a fanatic. A former
cabinet member said: "His poli-
tics are tinged with fanaticism,
and we have everything to fear if
this man comes in." Much of the
American press and most of the
foreign press was bitterly opposed
to him. This great patriot publicly
expressed his alarm at the way the
press was distorting his views.

Are the American people sen-
sible enough to see through the
vicious propaganda being rained
upon them and elect this great
American? Yes, they were. They
elected Thomas Jefferson as the
third president of the United States.

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LET FREEDOM RING!

THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN recommends a remarkably simple method of breaking through the communications barrier which is being sparked by Dr. W.C. Douglass of Sarasota, Florida.

Here is how it works:

A phone number is assigned to a local organization under the name of "Let Freedom Ring". Individuals are invited to pick up the telephone and dial the number which is advertised in the newspaper and passed along by word of mouth. Such patriotic messages are entered into an answering machine. The costs from \$25.00 to \$50.00. The patriotic messages are sent by the parent organization, Freedom Ring, Inc., P.O. Box 4223, Sarasota, Florida. It costs only \$24.00 a year to subscribe to this remarkable patriotic service. The messages are changed each week and are in harmony with the patriotic action movements of the country, thus contributing to the overall effectiveness of the American patriotic network.

At the present time, Let Freedom Ring has outlets in Baltimore, Philadelphia, Sarasota, Florida, Newark, New Jersey, and Colorado. Negotiations are going forward to establish Freedom Ring service in Boston, Washington, D.C., and New York City.

We recommend that individuals and organizations who wish to establish this service in their own areas write a letter, identifying themselves giving three patriotic

references, which will be checked, to Dr. W.C. Douglass at the above address. Below we reproduce Message #116 dated November 10 for use during the week of November 15 to 21:

WHO IS THIS MAN?

A well-known political figure was once considered by his party as a candidate for president, but he was rejected. Four years later, because of his stand on government financing, state's rights, and less on power, he was nominated by his party for the presidency of the United States.

He was from a State that had been a small recently, one of America's frontiers. He was financially well-off, a very talented person, from his own work he had a lot of money in the bank and the opposition ridiculed him.

He was a man of great energy and was immediately elected. A former cabinet member said: "His politics are dictated with fanaticism, and he has everything to fear if the South comes in." Much of the American press was bitterly opposed to this great patriot publicly expressing his views. The American people saw through the propaganda being rained upon them. Was this great American? Yes, he was. They elected Thomas Jefferson as the third president of the United States.

Hysterical Article Implies That 'Let Freedom Ring' Is Subversive And That The President May Sue For Libel

2—Sarasota Herald-Tribune Monday, Oct. 22, 1962

FBI IS CHECKING

Phone Message Blasts JFK

There was a telephone number Sunday that was kept very busy, a number that, when dialed, brought a taped message that blasted President Kennedy and implied he was guilty of treason.

The message's virulence centered upon what it claims are the Kennedy administration's plans to supply economic aid to Premier Ahmed Ben Bella of Algeria, which it claimed would be used to spread communism throughout African countries.

It termed the premier a "communist butcher" who had sworn "eternal allegiance" to the "communist Russian tyranny" in Cuba. And it wound up with this statement:

"How long will the American people put up with treason right in the White House itself? How long before the American people demand the impeachment of John F. Kennedy?"

Ben Bella visited Kennedy in

the White House last week and immediately afterward flew to Cuba for a session with Castro.

The telephone number—924-5455—began with the phrase: "Let freedom ring . . ." And it wound up the same way.

News of the message spread somewhat like wildfire through the city; police, sheriff's office and newspapers received telephone calls from inquisitive residents, trying to find out what it all meant.

One thing appeared certain: it was not linked to Project Alert. This Adm. Walter G. Schindler (USN, Ret.), stated emphatically that it was not connected in any way with that organization, of which he was the founder and is now a director.

The sheriff's office said that Sheriff Ross Boyer had been apprised of the taped message and had passed the information on to the FBI in Tampa.

When the FBI office was contacted by the Herald-Tribune, it

said that it was checking in to it but did not expect to have any information until today.

"Let Freedom Ring" has a listing with the General Telephone Co. office here, and one can obtain the 924-5455 number for a simply asking the telephone operator.

The address is listed as 4444 Point of Rocks Rd.

The message begins like this: "Let freedom ring . . ." Recently the President of the United States treated as an honored guest the communist butcher from communist Algeria, Ben Bella.

Soon after this visit, this communist butcher proceeded to Cuba where he swore eternal allegiance to the communist Russian tyranny. The Kennedy administration is a pro-communist administration.

One of the messages in regard to Kennedy evoked speculation as to its legality—in light of libel laws.

The FBI in Tampa would not comment on this.

ing up the anti-Western Algerian government with food and funds, the Soviet Union will be supplying the arms.

Fifty Soviet MIG jet fighters are due to arrive this month in Algeria with trained flying and ground crews of 200 men . . .

The message goes on to say that Ben Bella's government has established a "closest revolutionary solidarity with Cuba" and is sending Communist guerrillas to train terrorists for action in Central and South America and also in the United States.

The message is believed to have been taped on an "Electronic Secretary," a device which the telephone company itself sells, primarily for businessmen who wish to leave instructions for callers.

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Let It Ring!

Dear Editor:

Let freedom ring! Why should any American object to the messages being brought to the public by a courageous young doctor who is not afraid to speak out in behalf of his country?

Yet there are many who convey the impression, either by word or innuendo, that there is something sinister or at least a little queer in the "Let Freedom Ring" recordings.

This young doctor is not alone in being persecuted because of his patriotism. An unheeding host the America broke the heart of Joe McCarthy when he tried to make it aware of Communist infiltration in high government places; the prosecution of a respectable teacher in the State Department meant political suicide to Richard Nixon. And a long time before that Stephen Hall had the ignominious task of a spy for his beloved country.

Instead of trying to make a questionable "smoke" out of the "Let Freedom Ring" recordings, let us get on with the job of making the world a better place.

EDNA LOGAN DAVIS
Sarasota

16—Sarasota Herald-Tribune Friday, Nov. 16,

Let Freedom Ring Mystery Solved

By LEE METCALF

The mystery surrounding a local telephone number listed as "Let Freedom Ring" was partially lifted Thursday.

The telephone number, which responds to ringing with taped political messages, apparently belong to Dr. William G. Douglas, 4444 Point of Rocks Road, the address listed with the General Telephone Co. for "Let Freedom Ring."

Dr. Douglas has avoided numerous requests for a press interview.

However, Wednesday, the reporter in his office at 1612 E. Bay St., said that Dr. Douglas would answer questions submitted in writing.

Thursday, the questions submitted were answered by the doctor with the following note attached:

"Please print the enclosed questions and answers in full or not at all. A Verifax copy has been retained by us."

(Signed) "Let Freedom Ring."

The questions and answers are as follows:

1. Since this is a program to promote Americanism, why does it seem to be no reason for its existence? Why has no sponsoring party or group been announced?

Answer: Why should we seek publicity? The sponsors seek no publicity.

2. Is this program intended or connected with any local or national organization such as Project Alert? Specifically is it connected with the John Birch Society?

Answer: No.

3. Is it your voice which is being broadcast?

Answer: Various voices are used.

4. Why do individuals, local or national, sponsor?

Answer: No. 1.

5. Is this a public-spirited effort?

Answer: Yes.

LEE WILLIAM G. DOUGLAS

Answers to

1. Many

2. No

3. No

4. No

5. Yes

the Kennedy administration what it is. Douglas is a supply officer in the U.S. Navy and concluded that the

"How long will the American people put up with treason right in the White House itself? How long before the American people demand the impeachment of John F. Kennedy?"

Dr. Douglas moved to Sarasota in 1961.

Dr. Douglas is given in the medical records of the Sarasota Memorial Hospital, where he is the attending physician.

Dr. William G. Douglas came to the Naval Air Station in 1957, where he received his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Douglas is the son of a physician and a nurse. He has a wife and two children, Tracy and Christopher.

ing internship at St. Athans Naval Air Station, Long Island, N. Y., in 1950. He also studied for six months in 1950 at the School of Aviation Medicine.

"Dr. Douglas was in the Navy from 1944-46 and 1957-62, serving at the Naval Air Station at Sanford, Fla., Jacksonville, Long Island, Pensacola, Guam, Point Mugu, Calif., and then back to Sanford. He was obstetrician at Walter Memorial Hospital from 1950-1961 and in private practice in Ojai, Calif., for ten months in 1961.

"His hobbies are politics and government affairs, hunting, music, and golf; he is a member of the AAK medical fraternity and the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons; and he lives with his wife, Theo, and two children, Tracy and Christopher."

DOUGLAS, WILLIAM

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Born: Oct. 22, 1901
New Orleans, La.
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 160 lbs.
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Comp. Dk. Brown

DOUGLAS, WILLIAM

100-17490#
100-125-4735 p. 5

Born: 1-19-01, Memphis, Tenn.
Race: Negro,
Address in 44: 2214 W. Maypole, Chgo.

**UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2279)

DATE: JUN 23 1965

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-1419)

SUBJECT:

LET FREEDOM RING
SARASOTA, FLA.
(OO:TP)

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ReTPlet to Bureau 5/27/65.

Enclosed herewith are following (2 copies each for the Bureau and one copy each for El Paso):

- #1. 12 page list of names and addresses in Odessa, Texas.
- #2. Printed form letter on Let Freedom Ring letterhead beginning "Dear Fellow Patriot."

Relet listed Let Freedom Ring (LFR) stations as known at that time. A more complete mailing list has now been obtained and is listed in full. Therefore there may be some repetition.

2 - Bureau (Encls 4) (RM)
2 - Atlanta (Encls 2) (RM)
2 - Baltimore "
2 - Birmingham "
2 - Boston "
2 - Butte "
2 - Charlotte "
2 - Chicago "
2 - Cincinnati "
2 - Dallas "
2 - Denver "
2 - Detroit "
2 - El Paso (Encls 2) "
2 - Houston "
2 - Indianapolis "
2 - Jackson "
2 - Jacksonville "
2 - Kansas City "
2 - Knoxville "
2 - Los Angeles "
2 - Miami "
2 - Minneapolis "

2 - Milwaukee (Encls 2) (RM)
2 - Mobile "
2 - Newark "
2 - New Orleans "
2 - New York "
2 - Oklahoma City "
2 - Philadelphia "
2 - San Diego "
2 - Savannah "
2 - Springfield "
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[redacted]
[redacted] of LFR with head-
quarters at Sarasota, Fla. He prepares weekly messages,
usually very critical of the Federal government, which
are recorded and played back to anyone who calls a certain
telephone number.

[redacted]

A source advised that the MacArthur Gun Club was organized in May, 1964, for the purpose of forming a "home guard to protect whites against a Negro insurrection." Meetings have been held at irregular intervals at homes of various members. Membership estimated at 20. The group, according to source, has held target practice in the woods in the Ellenton, Fla., area. On 7/28/64, source advised it was announced to the membership that each member will be armed with a .30 cal. rifle which would operate fully automatic, with an adequate supply of ammunition.

Source advised that meetings of the MacArthur Gun Club have not been held since 11/24/64 and the organization has not been active since that time.

On 4/24/65, source advised that on 4/23/65 the former chairman of the MacArthur Gun Club stated no additional meetings of this organization are planned, and the organization would not be reactivated.

The source mentioned above is [redacted]

Tampa is following the activities of [redacted]
through established sources.

[redacted] established a number of [redacted] and promulgate his [redacted] [redacted]


[redacted] and furnishes [redacted] copies of his correspondence and messages to Tampa Div. [redacted] said the weekly messages are prepared a week in advance and copies sent to [redacted]

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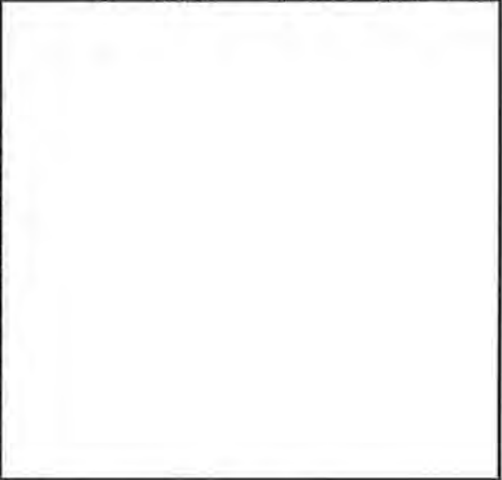
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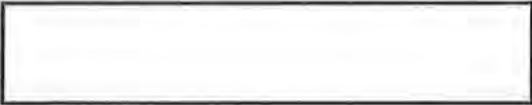
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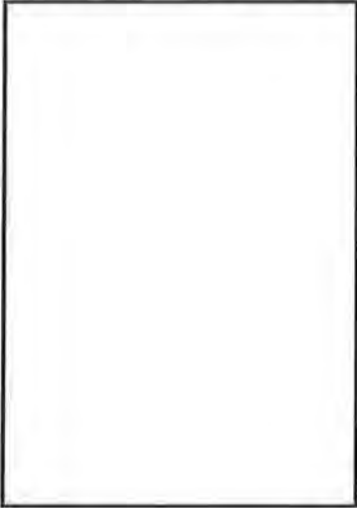
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P. O. Box 743
Summit, N. J.



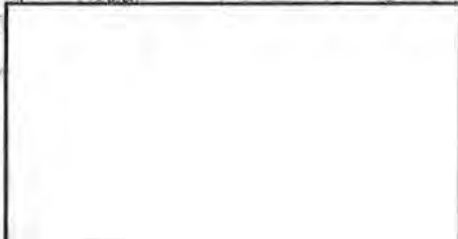
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126 S. Main St.
Decatur, Ill.




Amer. Opinion Library
1538 N. Meridan St.
Indianapolis, Ind., 46202



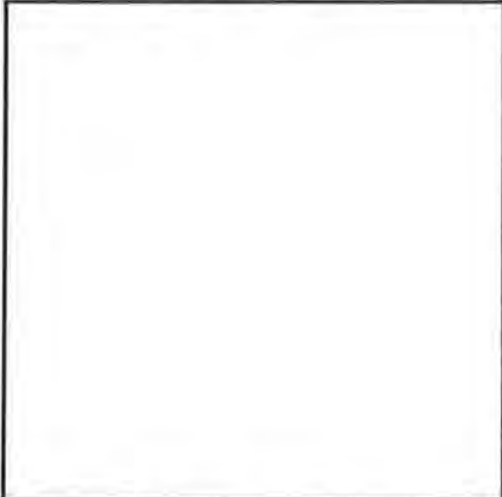
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American Way Features
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Los Angeles 28, Calif.

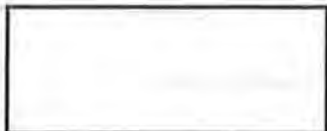


Network of Patriotic
Letter Writers
P. O. Box 2003 D
Pasadena, Calif.



Sen. J. STROM THURMOND
Senate Office Bldg.
Washington 25, D. C.

Rep. JAMES UTT
House Office Bldg.
Washington 25, D. C.




General Manager
General Telephone Co.
105 Pine Place
Sarasota, Fla.



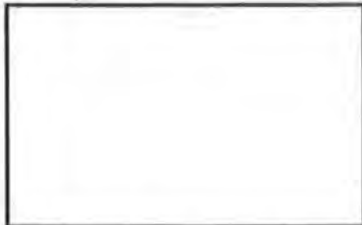
Suncoast News
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Fla. Coalition of
Patriotic Societies
P. O. Box 10523
Tampa 9, Fla.



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111 N. Wabash Ave.
Chicago 2, Ill.




The Independent
American
P. O. Box 4223
New Orleans 18, La.

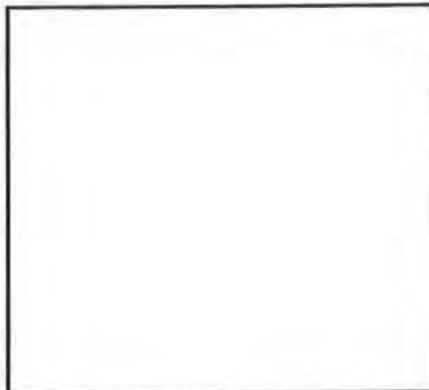


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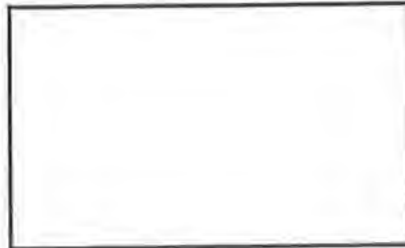
On Target
P. O. Box 172
Independence, Mo.



American Opinion Bk St.
41 Church St.
Freeport, N. Y.
Attn 



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Amarillo Cnsrvty Clb
Warren Lowry, Pres.
Box 2972
Amarillo, Texas



[redacted] also furnished a 12 page list of names and addresses in Odessa, Texas (encl #1) with the printed form letter that was to be sent to each person listed (encl #2).

This appears to be an appeal for financial support of LFR. It appears to be a membership list of some type.

Boston and Los Angeles identify [redacted]

[redacted]
El Paso attempt to identify the group or organization represented by enclosure #1 and advise Tampa.

All receiving offices identify individuals and/or organizations on the LFR mailing list furnished herein and advise Tampa. Purpose of this is to identify any individuals who have background of hate group or racial activity with whom [redacted] has any contact.

Date

6-7-65

CLASS

LET FREEDOM RING

Aliases

Address

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐

Exact Spelling

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All References

☒

Main Subversive Case Files Only

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Subversive References Only

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Main Criminal Case Files Only

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Criminal References Only

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Main Subversive (If no Main, list all Subversive References)

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject

EVERINGHAM PUBLISHING CO.

Aliases

Address

111 N. WABASH, CHICAGO

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Exact Spelling

☐ All References

☐ Main Subversive Case Files Only

☐ Subversive References Only

☐ Main Criminal Case Files Only

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111 Everingham Co

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EVERINGHAM, HARRY T. aka
HARRY P. EVERINGHAM
HARRY T. EVERINGHAM

3/57 10-~~33374~~
X ref 100-29897*
Freedom Club 4
Downtown cgs

1634 W. 105th Pl
born in Memphis, Tenn

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EVERINGHAM, HARRY T. 100-0-40164

EVERINGHAM, HARRY T. 11-54 100-29897*

EVERINGHAM, HARRY P. 3/57 10-~~33374~~

true name-HARRY T. EVERINGHAM

X ref 100-29897*
Freedom Club 4
Downtown cgs

1634 W. 105th Pl
born in Memphis, Tenn.

Correlation memo - serial 2 3/7/57

EVERINGHAM, HARRY 9-61 105-91140-18p.2
11-North Wabash

4-57 105-2857-26

EVERINGHAM, HARRY 9/62 100-29897*

aka Harry T. Everingham

EVERINGHAM, (MR.) 4-53 105-0-2879

Spoke Wilmette Church, 1953

EVERINGHAM, HARRY T. 10-59 100-0-8118Apl

2-64 157-3-1617p6
111 N. Wabash St. (2) an 3-3083

6-62 100-29897-16
12-59 157-0-87apl
10-59 157-0-82p2
8-59 157-0-54p1

11-60 66-4017p3
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, WE THE PEOPLE,
111-North Wabash Avenue
Chicago, 2, Illinois

EVERINGHAM, HARRY T. 10-57 105-2857-1A12'

2/58 100-7343-1A4p₄

9/58 105-2857-28
of Chicago 11/58 100-21658-75 p.10
Executive vice-president of "We the People."

10/58 100-1513-250
11/58 100-11506-622
9/59 105-6513-17
9/59 105-3108-5
12/59 100-11506-636
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EVERINGHAM, HARRY T. 6-60 105-2857-45
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111 N. Wabash
Chicago, Illinois
Phone: AN 3-3083

10/61 105-2857-1A22
Convention Chairman of "We the People."

EVERINGHAM, HARRY T. 10-64 105-2857-100

(CHAIRMAN OF WE THE PEOPLE)

EVERINGHAM, HARRY T. 10-64 105-2857-102

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2279)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-716) (RM)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 8/13/65

Let Freedom Ring, Sarasota,
Florida
RM
OO: TAMPA

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Re Tampa letters to Bureau dated 5/27/65 and 6/23/65.

Referenced communications requested receiving offices to identify individuals and/or organizations on the "Let Freedom Ring" mailing list in order to identify individuals who have a background of hate group or racial activity with whom [REDACTED] has had contact. The following persons residing within the Chicago Division were contained on this mailing list:



H. T. EVERINGHAM
111 North Wabash Avenue
Chicago 2, Illinois

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at Chicago, Illinois:

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Indianapolis (RM)
- 4 - Tampa (RM)
 - (1 - 157-1210) (LFR)
 - (1 - [REDACTED])
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - 100-29897)

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On June 4, 1965, a review of the current Chicago telephone directory and contact with the Chicago Telephone Information Operator failed to reveal any listing in Chicago for "Let Freedom Ring".

Information Concerning

[redacted]
The current Chicago telephone directory for the city of Chicago, Illinois, contains a listing for [redacted]
[redacted]

On June 10, 1965, a review of the Chicago Division files failed to contain any information identifiable with [redacted]

On June 11, 1965, a review of the records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, was made by IC [redacted] and these records failed to contain any information identifiable with [redacted]

On August 6, 1965, the records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, were caused to be reviewed by IC [redacted] and failed to contain any information identifiable with [redacted]

Information Concerning

[redacted]
On June 10, 1965, a review of the current telephone directory for Calumet City, Illinois, contained a listing for [redacted]
[redacted]

A review of the Chicago files on June 10, 1965, revealed the following information identifiable with [redacted]

Chicago file [redacted] reflects that a letter was addressed to [redacted]
[redacted] on June 19, 1965. This letter was sent from [redacted]
[redacted] which contained

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literature expressing the "right-wing" viewpoint on various subjects. The envelope containing this letter bore a sticker captioned "Register Communist Not Firearms".

[redacted] reflects that on March 2 and 8, 1965, [redacted] advised that [redacted] was a subscriber to "The Worker" which subscription was to expire on November 3, 1965.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

On June 11, 1965, the records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, were caused to be reviewed by IC [redacted] and failed to contain any information identifiable with [redacted]

On August 6, 1965, the records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, were caused to be reviewed by IC [redacted] and failed to contain any information identifiable with [redacted]

AT CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On July 28, 1965, [redacted] Calumet City Police Department, Calumet City, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] that he could not locate any arrest record pertaining to [redacted]

On July 28, 1965, [redacted] of Calumet City Water Department, Calumet City, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] [redacted] pays his water bill by check. He stated that [redacted] checks in the past contained a stamped impression which read "Fight Bureaucracy", and the envelope containing the checks contained a sticker reading "Stop Fluoridation of Water". [redacted]

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[] stated that [] often encloses literature of anti-"left-wing" nature and a card captioned "Let Freedom Ring" and he was of the opinion that [] was a member of or associated with this organization.

✓ Information Concerning
HARRY T. EVERINGHAM

On July 2, 1965, a review of the Chicago Division files contained numerous references identical with EVERINGHAM as the subject of Chicago file 100-29897 (dead file). Chicago file 100-29897 reflects that EVERINGHAM resides at 1634 West 105th Place in Chicago, Illinois, and is associated with the Everingham Publishing Company, 111 North Wabash Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. ✓

He is an author, lecturer, publicist and prolific writer of ultra-conservative tracts, pamphlets and books on economics and government.

✓ During 1952 EVERINGHAM was President and Executive Director of the Freedom Club of Downtown Chicago in Chicago, Illinois, an anti-Communist patriotic organization comprised of Chicago businessmen and also a clearing house where individuals and representatives of other conservative organizations could get information on the trends toward socialism, communism and other forms of collectivism in America.

✓ During 1955 the Freedom Club of Downtown Chicago was reorganized into a new movement known as "We, The People", an organization formed to plan political action in order to oppose the "left-wing" organizations working in this country toward socialism and world government.

EVERINGHAM is described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
→ Age	About 59
Residence	1634 West 105th Place, Chicago, Illinois
Occupation	Publisher
✓ Business	Everingham Publishing Company, 111 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

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On June 11, 1965, the records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc., were caused to be reviewed by IC [] and failed to contain any information identifiable with EVERINGHAM.

On August 6, 1965, the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, were caused to be reviewed by IC [] and failed to contain any arrest information concerning EVERINGHAM.

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INDIANAPOLIS

AT HAMMOND, INDIANA. Will review the records of the Credit Bureau at Hammond, Indiana, for available background information concerning [] it being noted that the Hammond Credit Bureau covers the territory of Calumet City, Illinois, and will advise the Bureau and the Tampa Division of results.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO

DATE: 8/28/65

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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DATE 06-20-2006 BY 60309 auc/tam/mlt/ljm

SUBJECT: CHICAGO PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]
NEGRO REVOLUTION
POST OFFICE BOX 1775
SARASOTA, FLORIDA
LET FREEDOM RING
RM

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[REDACTED] Communication Department, Chicago Police Department, telephonically advised at 1:45 p.m. 8/28/65 that he had received an anonymous telephone call from a woman who stated she had received a card with phone number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated this is a recorded message and he was furnishing the telephone number to the FBI inasmuch as the recorded message dealt with the Negro revolution and the fact that Negroes were organizing armies to fight the white people in the United States.

The agent dialed the number and listened to the record which stated in part that the Negroes were organizing armed groups of individuals and that one ROBERT WILLIAM under CASTRO's orders from Havana had organized a number of rifle clubs for the purpose of arming Negroes in their fight against the whites. The recording ended by stating that if anyone wanted to get the full details regarding the Negro revolution to send a quarter to Negro Revolution, Post Office Box 1775, Sarasota, Florida.

The above is for informational purposes.

Efforts to transcribe the recording verbatim extremely difficult.

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[Signature]

Subscriber to [REDACTED]
according to 2080 operator [REDACTED]
is [REDACTED]

RES 8/28/65

advised
8/29/65
3:00pm

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO

DATE: 8/28/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: RACIAL MATTERS
INFO CONCERNING

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On 8/28/65 at 1:30 PM. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Chicago FBI Office and advised that a [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that she received a card from a friend of hers from an individual (male) who was distributing said cards in Evanston. This card contained a telephone number -- [REDACTED] and the card requested the recipient to dial that number. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]

The following is, in part, a verbatim recording when the number [REDACTED] is dialed:

"LET FREEDOM RING"

"Last year Senator Frank Lausche of Ohio announced from the floor of the United States Senate that a Negro army of rifle men was being organized in the Northern United States. This shocking news was largely suppressed by the news media. In the South armed groups of Negroes are rapidly expanding, with the quiet cooperation of the so-called non-violent Congress of Racial Equality, and the 'National Police Gazette' reports that Castro Agent, Robert Williams, working from Havana, has organized over 100 rifle clubs in the South. This kidnapper and traitor has written a book in which he brags about arming Southern Negroes. One of the forwards of this subversive book was written by the arch hypocrite and Nobel certified peace lover, Martin Luther King..."

Efforts to transcribe the above recording very difficult, and the rest of message can be obtained by dialing above number. *{ message change as of 8/30/65 }*

[REDACTED] telephonically recontacted the Office at 2:15 PM and she advised that she had called [REDACTED] and told her that she called the FBI concerning [REDACTED] recording.

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B'nai B'rith Hits Right-Wing Tapes

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Taped phone messages entitled "Let Freedom Ring" are under attack by the Anti-Defamation league of B'nai B'rith, which charges they are extremely right wing.

The charges were filed yesterday by the league with the Federal Communications commission. The complaint asks that phone companies throught the nation be required to halt "abuse or fraudulent use of the service."

These messages, the league said, are available in many cities, including Chicago, to anyone who dials certain numbers. The league's complaint charges that the messages paint "lurid descriptions of a 'communist conspiracy' allegedly lurking behind civil rights, the United Nations, the Supreme court, the last three Presidents of the United States, the state department, the press . . .," and others.

The league said scripts for the recordings are provided by Dr. William C. Douglass, 39, a Sarasota, Fla., physician, identified by the league as a member of the John Birch society.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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CHICAGO'S AMERICAN
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Date: 9-4-65
Edition:
Author: DIAMOND FINAL

LET FREEDOM RING

Character:
or 157-116
Classification: CHICAGO
Submitting Office:

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Taped Phone Messages Protested

By Burnell Heinecke

A tape-recorded telephone message operation, which locally this week is labeling the Peace Corps as "subversive," led the Anti-Defamation League to file a protest with the Federal Communications Commission.

The federal regulatory body was asked to initiate proceedings requiring telephone companies to curb "flagrant abuses of their recorded message service" such as those listed against "Let Freedom Ring Inc. of Sarasota, Fla."

The ADL took the action just a few days after issuing a special four-page "Facts" edition for August devoted exclusively to the "Let Freedom Ring" operation across the nation.

Linked To Birch Society

The report links the LFR telephone-recording setup to the John Birch Society, both in Chicago and elsewhere, and tags it as "a new voice of the radical right in America (which) whispers in an area where so many shout raucously."

The petition to the FCC declares the anonymous recordings make "abusive and extremist attacks and libels on individuals and institutions."

Obscene, fraudulent and libelous statements are not within the area of constitutionally

protected speech, the ADL petition asserts.

It acknowledges the telephone companies cannot be held liable if they have no knowledge of the libelous intent of the messages broadcast on their Automatic Announcement Service. However, the ADL petition declares, once the officials of the phone company are informed of li-

belous content of a message, the company should be able to deny use of its facilities for such messages.

Similar Setups

The Chicago operation has been under careful watch of Illinois Bell Telephone Co. officials since its inception earlier this year. Similar phone setups are operating in Hammond, Calumet City and; Downstate Decatur and Danville, according to the Chicago office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The Hammond phone this week was busily repeating the message which "ran" in Chicago the week of Aug. 26 — on the subject of "The Negro Revolution." In Washington, it was reported that the same message was "held over" for three weeks in Baltimore when it ran right after the Los Angeles riots.

The Mayor's Commission on Human Relations has asked the corporation counsel's office, as well as the Illinois attorney

general and the U.S. attorney's office here, to determine whether any laws are being violated locally. The "racial" message led to the inquiry.

Each message usually concentrates on one subject, with a closing appeal to send 25 cents to either a local or a Florida postal box number for literature on the topic.

This week's Chicago message, for example, declares: "The Peace Corps, long a sacred cow of the administration, has become a taxpayer-financed, anti-American, brainwashing operation for America's youth. One gets the uneasy feeling that something akin to the Hitler Youth Movement, with a Communist twist, has been born in Amer-

ica and is spawning its poison here and abroad."

It was the April message on former President Dwight D. Eisenhower which called him "an ersatz conservative with a pro-Communist record" and "one of the greatest phonies ever put over on the American people" which first brought the Let Freedom Ring telephone setup to public attention here.

The messages come from tapes supplied by LFR's creator, Dr. William Campbell Douglass, a Sarasota physician listed by the Anti-Defamation League as a John Birch member. In his literature, Dr. Douglass says his is "a non-profit corporation established to disseminate anti-Communist, anti-Socialist, pro-American broadcasts via a telephone tape recording. Your customer dials a number and gets two minutes of anti-Communist dynamite."

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"Let Freedom Ring services the radical right, from its isolated ax-grinders to its largest national membership organization, with a weekly propaganda scare available around the clock," the ADL reports.

There is a heavy anti-Negro content, it notes, with many "messages" over the last two years devoted to "incitement to 'anti-Communist' arms gathering" with tales of Negro revolutionary plots.

In May, 1964, one broadcast warned "there is documented proof that Negroes are being armed for open revolution this summer."

After charging the National Council of Churches with "openly promoting bloodshed through armed revolution by Negroes" and attacking gun-registration legislation as part of a Communist plot, the 1964 message said, "We also urge our listeners to purchase a rifle or a pistol for home defense. We are not—we repeat—we are not promoting insurrection as does the National Council of Churches. We are merely urging you to exercise your constitutional and God-given right to protect yourself."

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SARASOTA, FLORIDA
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Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 9/7/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an original newspaper article contained in the 9/4/65 edition of the "Chicago Sun-Times," and an original newspaper article contained in the 9/4/65 edition of the "Chicago's American," both daily newspapers of general circulation in the Chicago, Illinois, area. Enclosed also for the Bureau is one Xerox copy of each article.

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September 7, 1965

WILLIAM J. BROWN

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
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Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated August 28, 1935.

On August 28, 1965, GILBERT BROWN, Communications Director, Chicago Police Department, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office in and discussed in general terms the above case. He stated that the Chicago Office had received a card bearing the telephone number 312-6751 which was dated 8/28/65. It was a telephone number located with the Negro population and the fact that Brown was attempting contact to reach the white people in the United States. The recording contained many threats from looking out of South America as a danger of kidnapping the property he was in this and possibly his reputation & a number of other calls in the United States for the purpose of causing damage to him in the United States. The recording was by saying that it meant would to get the full details regarding the above population they should send him to "Wash. Washington, Post Office Box 2175, Kansas, Florida."

On August 22, 1952, through a contact with the Illinois State Telephone Inspection Division, it was determined that the telephone in telephone number 442-0541 is one owned and used by one Irving Jack Katz, Chicago, Illinois. The address of one Irving Jack Katz was obtained as being 1400 West 11th Street, Chicago, Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number 442-0541.

On August 21, 1961, Chicago Tribune carried a reference to "SECRET OFFICE" dated July 28, 1961, which refers to the following matter: "The office was created in July, 1961, pursuant to a presidential executive order, 'Let Russian Run' which was issued by the United States Government's action in the Russian Republic. In the opinion of its agent the United States should, the remaining was a right-wing attack on the Government's policies in the Russian Republic and the agent was well-informed."

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The above telephone number when contacted on August 31, 1966, revealed another recording which began "Let Freedom Ring" which attacked the Peace Corps and called for the abolishment of the Peace Corps. A transcript of this recording is as follows:

"LET FREEDOM RING"

"The Peace Corps, long the sacred cow of the Administration, has become a taxpayer financed anti-American brainwashing operation for America's youth. One gets the uneasy feeling that something akin to the HITLER Youth Movement with a Communist twist has been born in America and is spawning its poison here and abroad. The Peace Corps engaged in open treason in the Dominican Republic where these bastards, school dropouts, and revolutionaries, aided the communist rebels who were killing American Marines. No one in the Peace Corps was tried for treason and Peace Corps [redacted] was not fired for incompetence above and beyond human belief. As a matter of fact, LUTHER JENNISON says the Peace Corps must go on no matter what the cost.

"FELTON LEWIS, JR. predicted in 1961 that the Peace Corps would become a rallying point for all the leading agitators of our college campuses and, of course, he was right."

"A leader of an African terrorist movement, [redacted] has been indoctrinating Peace Corps recruits at Syracuse University."

"A member of the Peace Corps Advisory Council, [redacted] has ten government cited communist front affiliations. A U.S. Congressman demanded this communist front be removed, but SENATOR ignored this demand and is now recruiting Peace Corpsmen among the revolutionaries who brought the University of California to its knees through communist directed riots. [redacted] could hardly find worse people to represent America if he went directly to the Communist Party itself. The State Department has made little effort to hide its involvement in the Berkeley riots and the Department even prints anti-American propaganda on its mimeograph machine for use by Peace Corps militants."

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The Peace Corps, a sick joke at best, should be abolished. For confirmation of these scandalous facts and more about the subversive nature of the Peace Corps, send 25¢ in coin to "The Peace Corps Tragedy", Box 1775, Sarasota, Florida. Let Freedom Ring."

It is noted this recording indicates that anyone desiring further information should send 25¢ in coin to "The Peace Corps Tragedy", Post Office Box 1775, Sarasota, Florida.

B'nai B'rith Hits Right-Wing Tapes

Taped phone messages entitled "Let Freedom Ring" are under attack by the Anti-Defamation league of B'nai B'rith, which charges they are extremely right wing.

The charges were filed yesterday by the league with the Federal Communications commission. The complaint asks that phone companies thruout the nation be required to halt "abuse or fraudulent use of the service."

These messages, the league said, are available in many cities, including Chicago, to anyone who dials certain numbers. The league's complaint charges that the messages paint "lurid descriptions of a 'communist conspiracy' allegedly lurking behind civil rights, the United Nations, the Supreme court, the last three Presidents of the United States, the state department, the press . . .," and others.

The league said scripts for the recordings are provided by Dr. William C. Douglass, 39, a Sarasota, Fla., physician, identified by the league as a member of the John Birch society.

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Taped Phone Messages Protested

By Burnell Heinecke

A tape-recorded telephone message operation, which locally this week is labeling the Peace Corps as "subversive," led the Anti-Defamation League to file a protest with the Federal Communications Commission.

The federal regulatory body was asked to initiate proceedings requiring telephone companies to curb "flagrant abuses of their recorded message service" such as those listed against "Let Freedom Ring Inc. of Sarasota, Fla."

The ADL took the action just a few days after issuing a special four-page "Facts" edition for August devoted exclusively to the "Let Freedom Ring" operation across the nation.

Linked To Birch Society

The report links the LFR telephone-recording setup to the John Birch Society, both in Chicago and elsewhere, and tags it as "a new voice of the radical right in America (which) whispers in an area where so many shout raucously."

The petition to the FCC declares the anonymous recordings make "abusive and extremist attacks and libels on individuals and institutions."

Obscene, fraudulent and libelous statements are not within the area of constitutionally protected speech, the ADL petition asserts.

It acknowledges the telephone companies cannot be held liable if they have no knowledge of the libelous intent of the messages broadcast on their Automatic Announcement Service. However, the ADL petition declares, once the officials of the phone company are informed of li-

belous content of a message, the company should be able to deny use of its facilities for such messages.

Similar Setups

The Chicago operation has been under careful watch of Illinois Bell Telephone Co. officials since its inception earlier this year. Similar phone setups are operating in Hammond, Calumet City and Downstate Decatur and Danville, according to the Chicago office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The Hammond phone this week was busily repeating the message which "ran" in Chicago the week of Aug. 26 — on the subject of "The Negro Revolution." In Washington, it was reported that the same message was "held over" for three weeks in Baltimore when it ran right after the Los Angeles riots.

The Mayor's Commission on Human Relations has asked the corporation counsel's office, as well as the Illinois attorney general and the U.S. attorney's office here, to determine whether any laws are being violated locally. The "racial" message led to the inquiry.

Each message usually contains on one subject with a closing appeal to send 25 cents to either a local or a Florida postal box number for literature on the topic.

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Right Wing Phone Messages Attacked

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith filed a complaint with the Federal Communications commission yesterday attacking what it called "extremely right wing" telephone messages which make "abusive and extremely attacks and libels on individuals and institutions."

The league asked, among other things, that the telephone companies throughout the country be required to amend their regulations to prevent "abuse or fraudulent use of service."

The league's action was directed against a series of taped telephone messages entitled "Let Freedom Ring" which the league said are available to anyone who dials the right number in many American cities.

Extremely Right Wing

The league said the messages are of an extremely right wing nature and paint "lurid descriptions of 'a communist conspiracy' allegedly lurking behind civil rights, the United Nations, the Supreme court, the last three presidents of the United States, the State

department, the press . . . and others.

It identified Dr. William C. Douglass, a physician of Sarasota, Fla., as the source of the scripts for the messages and said that the messages quote the John Birch Society and other right wing organizations as documentation for the charges.

Confirms He Is Author

Dr. Douglass, 39, a former navy doctor, confirmed to THE TRIBUNE that he writes and distributes the scripts. He said that while he is a member of the John Birch society, his membership is "incidental" to his activities in "Let Freedom Ring."

He added that he is not worried about remarks that the messages are libelous because "they have told the truth about a number of people and no one has sued us for libel yet."

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'PTA Head Rips 'Dial-A-Hate' Phone Calls

The president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers fought back Thursday against an anonymous telephone voice that implies the PTA is Red-tinted.

Mrs. Jennelle Moorhead said the "dial-a-hate" message is scurrilous, vicious, venomous, irrational, untrue — and possibly libelous.

The recorded anti-PTA message currently is available by dialing numbers in Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, Des Moines and other cities, she said.

Mrs. Moorhead took particular exception to the segment of the message that describes the PTA as "basically a lobby for left-wing educators who work closely with the bureaucrats in the (U.S.) Office of Education to completely federalize our schools in the Russian manner."

The message comes from "a radical rightist voice that calls itself 'Let Freedom Ring,'" Mrs. Moorhead observed.

She added, "The present attack being made on the PTA and its officers by the 'Let Freedom Ring' branch of the radical right is similar to other 'dial-a-hate' messages that have defamed three former Presidents, the National Council of Churches, the civil rights movement and the U.S. Supreme Court," Mrs. Moorhead said, adding that the attack on the PTA "will be examined by our legal counsel."

She also protested to Frederick R. Kappel, chairman of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Writing as a stockholder, Mrs. Moorhead said to Kappel:

"I cannot imagine why the ~~Bell Telephone System~~ would become a party to slanderous attacks on individuals or organizations—attacks that are near libelous."

There was no immediate reply from Kappel, but a spokesman for the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. said:

"As a public utility, we must furnish phone service on a nondiscriminatory basis to anyone who requests it. We are not permitted to pick and choose among customers, nor is there any control over the content of telephone messages."

But the spokesman added that the Bell system has its corporate eye on the "Let Freedom Ring" operation.

Mrs. Moorhead noted that the anonymous voice urged listeners to write to a Sarasota (Fla.) box number for anti-PTA literature.

She is battling back with a leaflet of her own. Titled "Extremist Groups—A Clear and Present Danger to Freedom and Democracy," it is available from national PTA headquarters at 700 N. Rush for 15 cents a copy.

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PTA PRESIDENT ASSAILS SMEAR PHONE ATTACK

Anonymous Messages Rap School Group

Mrs. Jennelle Moorhead, president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, protested yesterday against the use of recorded telephone messages which attack the PTA.

She said the recorded messages, attributed only to Let Freedom Ring, describe the PTA as "basically a lobby for left-wing educators who work closely with the bureaucrats in the [federal] office of education to federalize our schools in the Russian manner."

Give Postal Box

Mrs. Moorhead made the protest to Frederick R. Kappel, board chairman of American Telephone and Telegraph company, parent firm of Bell Telephone company. She said the recorded messages are being played from Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, Des Moines, and other cities.

The message is anonymous except for the name Let Freedom Ring and a postoffice box number in Sarasota, Fla., for further literature. The group's brochure describes it as one furthering anti-Communist propaganda.

She labeled the message, recorded on the phone company's automatic announcement service, as "slandorous, vicious, untrue, irrational, and similar to Communist smear tactics."

Complaint Is Filed

She said the PTA believes the message is in response to a pamphlet it issued called *Extremist Groups—A Clear and Present Danger to Freedom and Democracy*.

A complaint was filed Sept. 3 with the Federal Communications commission by the Anti-Defamation league of B'nai

B'rith charging that Let Freedom Ring makes "abusive and extremist attacks and libels on individuals and institutions." The league asked that telephone companies be required to amend regulations to prevent "fraudulent use of service."

The complaint identified Dr. William C. Douglass, a former navy doctor who lives in Sarasota, as the source of the scripts. Dr. Douglass, 39, confirmed for THE TRIBUNE that he writes and distributes the scripts.

A spokesman for Bell Telephone company in New York said state laws regulating public utilities do not permit the company to take action against subscribers. However, he said the company was taking steps to provide names of sponsors of anonymous services when asked for them.

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Bircher Admits Phone Setup Denouncing Record Of PTA

A John Birch Society member acknowledged Friday he made the Chicago telephone recording that denounces the National Congress of Parents and Teachers as Communist-tinged.

Howard Bickler, 48, of 3709 W. Irving Park, manager of a grocery in Lincolnwood, said he cut the anti-PTA record as part of his program to "do what I believe is best for America."

Bickler views the PTA as

an element of a "Socialist and Marxist scheme."

Bickler, who admitted membership in the extreme right-wing Birch Society, said he and several other conservative types subscribed to the message service.

"We're just a group of people trying to get our voices heard," he said. "We use this method because we've found we don't have the same access to the media that the left has."

On Thursday the PTA national president, Mrs. Jennelle

Moorhead, denounced the "Let Freedom Ring" messages heard here and elsewhere as "a vicious, anonymous attack on the PTA."

She complained to the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. about use of Bell System lines for "dial-a-hate" messages.

Bickler's recorded message still was playing here Friday. It urged listeners to dial again next week "when we will take a closer look at the Marxist attitudes of the PTA."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (~~157-0-1358~~)

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FROM :

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SUBJECT: "LET FREEDOM RING" ORGANIZATION
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On September 8, 1965, the Chicago Office was in receipt of one copy of the publication "Facts", issue of August, 1965. This is a publication of the anti-defamation mark of B'Nai B'rith, 222 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois. The bulletin deals with the organization "Let Freedom Ring".

The above described bulletin is maintained in Chicago file 157-0-1358-1A1.

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Veil Of Secrecy Torn From 'Hate

Network

By Paul Coates
LA Times Special

There is, you'll be pleased to hear, some static on the hate line.

'Let Freedom Ring' uses a national network of telephone recorders to spread the libels and lunacies of the way, way out right wing.

This ingenious idea was created by one of the Birch Society's propaganda ministers, Dr. William Campbell Douglass.

Peril Or Pills?

A Sarasota, (Fla.) physician, Douglass appears to spend more of his time peddling peril than pills.

Each week, he scribbles a two-minute "script" venomously attacking such usual targets as the National Council of Churches, Presidents of the United States, the United Nations, the PTA, educators, statesmen, and the civil rights movement.

These are mimeographed and sent around the country to subscribers, who record the scripts on rented telephone equipment. Then, when you dial certain well-advertised numbers, you get your dose of diatribe.

30,000 Daily Listeners

The so-called subscribers, who actually are Birch members or fellow travelers, each pay \$24 for the first year of scripts, and an additional \$20 to \$40 monthly for the recording equipment.

Douglass says his messages

are sold in more than 50 cities, and that in many of these cities as many as 10 automatic announcing machines are in use.

"There are," he says, "30,000 to 50,000 daily listeners."

And what they are hearing, more often than not, is material that a court might consider civil or even criminal libel.

Up to now, that has been

no problem for Douglass and the people who pay to spread his line.

They would take out phone numbers as "unpublished subscribers." As a matter of policy, the phone companies would not reveal the names behind the numbers.

Anonymity Is Gone

And so, they had the protection of anonymity—a slight edge you really need, when you play the game of slander.

But they don't have it any more.

After numerous complaints by the National Council of Churches and the Anti-Defamation League to the Federal Communications Commission plus numerous angry speeches on the Senate floor by Cale W. McGee (D-Wyo.), Russell B. Long (D-La.) and Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.), AT&T finally got angry, too.

They have informed the

FCC that from now on the names and addresses of subscribers to the automatic announcement service provided by all Bell System companies would be given out as promptly as possible on request.

"We deplore the use of our facilities for the dissemination of disparaging remarks," said Richard W. Miller, AT&T vice president.

The new phone company policy had an interesting twist.

A red-blooded, 110 per cent patriot applied for a "Let Freedom Ring" number and recorder the other day. He was told that his name would have to be available to anybody who requested it.

"Well, I don't know," he hesitated. "If my name gets out, I might start getting a lot of crank calls."

And that is what we, in the telephone business, call "reversing the charges."

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-New) (157-716)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
RACIAL MATTER

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SARASOTA, FLORIDA
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Re Tampa letter to the Director, 5/27/65, captioned
[REDACTED] LET FREEDOM RING, SARASOTA, FLORIDA."

Enclosed herewith for Indianapolis is letter dated 10/9/65 to
the Director from [REDACTED] and Bureau letter of 10/13/65,
to [REDACTED] (photostat copies).

On 10/26/65, [REDACTED] Calumet
City, Illinois Police Department (NA), advised SA [REDACTED]
that captioned individual resides at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He further advised it is alleged that he is the
subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED] which,
if dialed, gives a message sponsored by "Let Freedom Ring."

[REDACTED] advised that his department is in receipt of
a letter dated 10/21/65 from the Gary, Indiana Police Department,
enclosing a sales slip showing captioned individual purchased a
.25 caliber gun on 10/16/65. [REDACTED] made available a
photostat of the purchase sales slip which reflected the following
descriptive data for captioned individual:

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Description of Weapon:

Make	German
Caliber	.25
Model	Auto LAFUREY #55792
Place of Purchase	Ike's Sports - Cameras - Hobbies 2240 West 11th Avenue Gary, Indiana

For information of Indianapolis, referenced letter advised that [redacted] is a charter member of and acted as [redacted] of the MacArthur Gun Club, Bradenton and Sarasota, Florida.

The following was noted concerning the MacArthur Gun Club:

A source advised that the MacArthur Gun Club was organized in May, 1964, for the purpose of forming a "home guard to protect whites against a Negro insurrection." Meetings have been held at irregular intervals at homes of various members. Membership estimated at 20. The group, according to source, has held target practice in the woods in the Ellenton, Florida, area. On July 28, 1964, source advised it was announced to the membership that each member will be armed with a .30 caliber rifle which would operate fully automatic, with an adequate supply of ammunition.

Source advised that meetings of the MacArthur Gun Club have not been held since 11/24/64; and the organization has not been active since that time.

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On April 24, 1965, source advised that on 4/23/65 the former chairman of the MacArthur Gun Club stated no additional meetings of this organization are planned; and the organization would not be reactivated.

The source mentioned above is [redacted]

Referenced letter furnished the names of individuals that appear on a list of "Let Freedom Ring" stations and requested recipient offices to identify said individuals, search indices, make credit and criminal checks and conduct any investigation appropriate. A review of Chicago's file concerning "Let Freedom Ring" indicates Indianapolis has received communications relative to this organization.

Indianapolis is requested to conduct above indicated investigation and attempt to determine the specific U.S. Government employment of [redacted] Also determine subscriber to [redacted]

The Bureau's attention is invited to its letter of 10/13/65, to [redacted] sent in response to a letter from [redacted] dated 10/9/65. It would appear that this individual is identical with captioned [redacted]

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P.O. Box Investigation

PAK

P.O. Box 7723

Chicago, 60680, Illinois

Sgt. 525

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SUBJECT has distributed leaflets stating that "American liberties are being attacked now by planned organizations intending to intimidate the American Public", and is using P.O. Box 7723, Chicago 60680 in the transaction of their business.

Reporting officer assigned to contact the Post Office Department to ascertain who leased the P.O. Box, and any other pertinent information relative to SUBJECT.

(*) Asterisk indicates record on file with the Intelligence Division.

The files of the Post Office Department reflect the following information on lessee of SUBJECT box:

Arrangements for the rental of SUBJECT was made by [redacted] (negative in I.D. files), [redacted]

[redacted] gave the telephone number of [redacted] and stated that the name "PAK" was to be used, and that he was in the collection agency business. As additional reference [redacted] gave his driver's license number, [redacted]

Telephone number [redacted]

Received from [redacted]

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Stop

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YOUR AMERICAN LIBERTYS ARE BEING ATTACKED NOW

BY PLANNED ORGANIZATIONS ENTENDING TO

INTIMIDATE YOU.

GET THE TRUE STORY IN "TWO REVOLUTIONS AT ONCE".

SEND \$1.00 CONTRIBUTION TO:

"PAK"

POST OFFICE BOX 7723

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60680

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Address _____

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What Hath Man Wrought

Science is a capricious, fickle creature. It can create joy or sorrow, pleasure or pain. It can be a helpful servant, or a cruel master. It can lift up, and it can cast down. It's got to be carefully used, and sometimes it's never more carelessly used than when people start exploiting the telephone.

First we had messages you could get by dialing a certain number (if, for instance, you wanted to hear an unsavory labor leader slander the police superintendent). Now it seems, there's a device that'll ring your number, deliver a recorded message, prevent you from using your phone until the message is complete, and even call you back if you hang up on it. This, really, is taking a good thing too far, and a Senate committee and the Federal Communications Commission are investigating it.

Committee and commission were prompted to make the inquiry by anonymous recorded messages that attack public figures. They had complaints against an outfit called "Let Freedom Ring," which has placed its messages in at least 40 cities. They slander such men as President Johnson and former Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy, and such organizations as the

United Nations and the Peace Corps. The voice may be the voice of a recording, but the hand is the claw of the radical right.

Annoying and offensive as the messages may be, however, the telephone people seem to have done just about all they can about the problem. They aren't censors; they must provide their services on request. They have arranged to require the purveyors of recorded messages to identify themselves, by person or organization, in the text. Perhaps this will discourage the most obnoxious of the unsolicited messages. And perhaps the new automatic devices can also be discouraged by new regulations and by a measure of electronic prevention. Let's hope so.

Like the telegraph, the telephone may have been wrought by God, but what man has wrought is often quite another matter. It's a dismal commentary upon the human condition that we must pass laws to protect ourselves against each other. If the uninvited vocal guest becomes unruly, then there's got to be a law.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2279)

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For the information of the Bureau and Tampa Division,

[REDACTED]
Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois (protect identity -
requested) made available to IC [REDACTED] on 11/12/65 infor-
mation concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] has distributed leaf-
lets captioned "Let Freedom Ring." These leaflets state "Your
American Liberties Are Being Attacked Now By Planned Organizations
Extending To Intimidate You. Get The True Story In 'Two Revolu-
tions at Once'. Send \$1.00 Contribution to: 'Pak', Post Office
Box 7723, Chicago, Illinois 60680."

[REDACTED] advised arrangements for the rental of
Post Office Box 7723, Chicago, Illinois, were made by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] gave the telephone number of [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, and
stated that the name "Pak" was to be used and that he was in the
collection agency business. As an additional reference [REDACTED] gave
his driver's license number as Illinois license [REDACTED]
Telephone number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] according to [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at Chicago, Illinois:

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 3 - Tampa (RM)
 - 1 - 157-1313 (LET FREEDOM RING)
- 2 - Chicago
 - 1 - 100-29397

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Hate-Phone Chief Backs Secret Calls

BY CHARLES NICODEMUS
Of Our Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—The Florida physician who heads the national network of "Let Freedom Ring" recorded telephone messages urged Congress Friday not to force his local operators to disclose their identity.

Dr. William C. Douglass, 39, of Sarasota said such disclosure would open his supporters to attack by Molotov cocktail-throwing, left-wing fanatics.

"My people might lose their lives or their jobs," he warned, for accusing national figures such as Chief Justice Earl Warren of being "Communist sympathizers."

Arch-conservative Douglass showed up as a surprise, uninvited witness on the second day of a Senate subcommittee's hearings on two bills aimed at curbing the "dial-a-smear" operation Douglass heads.

SUBCOMMITTEE chairman John Pastore (D-R.I.) and Sen. Gale McGee (D-Wyo.) clashed sharply with Douglass over his plea that anonymity be continued for the 61 local telephone subscribers who put out Douglass' attacks on prominent national figures and organizations.

"This is a small group of American patriots who are trying to do something for their country," Douglass said.

Rejoined McGee, who is sponsoring one of the bills:

"Our nation's history shows that Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson and other true patriots didn't try to hide behind

anonymity. I find it difficult to accept your alibi."

McGEE disclosed that since he opened his campaign to curb the anonymous telephone attacks, he had been threatened by an anonymous female sympathizer of Douglass, who phoned him to warn:

"We've already let enough blood around the country—it's time we let some of yours."

Douglass said he did not approve of anonymous threats.

"No, just anonymous slander," answered McGee, whose bill would require identification of the local person sponsoring the recorded message which Douglass writes.

Douglass said that instead of passing McGee's bill, Congress should forbid telephone companies from giving out any information about a telephone subscriber "to protect their right of privacy."

CHAIRMAN E. William Henry of the Federal Communications Commission said the FCC had found that sponsors of the "Let Freedom Ring" calls are never identified on the message.

An interested — or curious — phoner can receive the message by dialing a special number in any of some 50 cities where the group boasts local sympathizers who rent the message-recording and playing equipment from the local phone company.

McGEE said requiring the sponsors to identify themselves should "act as a deterrent to the dissemination of this poisonous hate and slander."

Both the FCC's Henry and AT&T Vice President Gordon Thayer stressed that the dial-a-smear calls make up only a fraction of the recorded messages put out by the 14,100 Bell System subscribers who pay up to \$16 a month for the special message equipment.

The \$2,500,000-a-year dial-a-message business ordinarily dispenses information such as weather data, sports news, theater schedules and stock quotations, they noted.

Henry warned that in attempting to curb the hate calls Congress must be careful not to violate the constitutional guarantees of free speech, or interfere with the bulk of non-controversial messages.

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Plea for a New Tariff

Expose Hate Callers -- Bell

Illinois Bell Telephone Co. has filed a new tariff with the Illinois Commerce Commission aimed at ending anonymous recorded "hate" messages over the telephone.

A spokesman for the company said the new tariff would require the sponsors of recorded public announcements to identify themselves in their messages. The company asked that the tariff become effective Dec. 19.

The tariff would end the anonymity of persons delivering such messages as those branding the President, the PTA, National Council of

Churches, United Nations and other groups and individuals as Communists or participants in a Communist conspiracy.

SUCH MESSAGES have been delivered in Chicago by a group called "Let Freedom Ring." They were purchased from a Sarasota (Fla.) physician and recorded here, then placed on automatic answering equipment.

Failure to observe the new identification requirements in messages would be cause for termination of telephone service under the new tariff.

THE PROPOSAL would replace an earlier tariff approved

by the ICC in October. It authorizes the telephone company to provide, upon request, the names and addresses of those delivering the recorded messages.

The new tariff covers both automatic announcement services provided by the telephone

company and equipment connected to phone lines.

Specifically, it requires subscribers who transmit any factual information, such as weather, time of day, market quotations, sports schedules and other material,

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Sponsor Defends Phone Hate Messages

Illinois Bell Moves To Bar Anonymity

The Illinois Bell Telephone Co. announced Friday that it has acted to require sponsors of recorded public announcements sent over its lines to identify themselves.

The company said it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission in Springfield a tariff covering the requirement. An effective date of Dec. 19 was suggested.

A spokesman said the action was taken after complaints were received from the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, B'nai B'rith and other organizations that have been attacked by right-wing phone messages.

Complainant Pleased

Last September, Mrs. Jennele Moorhead of Eugene, Ore., protested recorded messages, which originated in Sarasota, Fla., from a group known as Let Freedom Ring.

Informed of the Illinois Bell action Friday in Kansas City, Mo., where she was addressing a PTA meeting, Mrs. Moorhead said, "I am most

gratified to have the anonymity stripped away from the dial-of-hate promoters who have attacked the PTA and others."

The Illinois Bell spokesman said the proposal is intended to replace a tariff approved by the commission in October. That one authorizes the company to provide upon request the names and addresses of sponsors of recorded messages.

Message Identification

The new tariff would require that the identification be in the message. Both automatic announcement services provided by Bell and customer-owned automatic answering equipment are covered.

Exempted are transmissions of purely factual information such as weather, time, stock market quotations and airlines schedules.

The restriction is aimed at anonymous derogatory messages, especially political, racial and religious ones. Failure to observe the requirement would be cause for termination of phone service.

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To : Director, FBI
From : SAC, Indianapolis
Subject : [REDACTED]

Date: 1/31/66

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IP File: [REDACTED] (RUC)

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LET FREEDOM RING
SARASOTA, FLORIDA
RACIAL MATTER
IP File: 157-147 (RUC)
OO: Tampa

Re Chicago letter to Director, 11/15/65.

[REDACTED] Hammond, Indiana, Credit
Bureau, on 12/30/65 advised SA [REDACTED] the files of
this credit bureau reflect the following information pertaining
to one [REDACTED]

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- 4 - Bureau (RM)
- 4 - Chicago (RM)
- 4 - Tampa (RM)
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[REDACTED] advised these files do not reflect any unfavorable information concerning [REDACTED] and he has been known to this credit bureau for approximately five years.

On 12/10/65, [REDACTED] Indiana State Police, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised a review of the files of the Indiana State Police reflect the following information concerning one [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

These records reflect that on 10/16/65 [REDACTED] purchased a German .25 caliber automatic #55792 from Ike's Sports-Cameras-Hobbies, 2240 West 11th Avenue, Gary, Indiana (signed by [REDACTED]). This weapon was registered on 10/18/65. On 10/30/65, [REDACTED] purchased a Colt .45 Government #25166 from [REDACTED]. The Indiana State Police records reflect this weapon was registered on 11/1/65. On 11/3/65, [REDACTED] purchased a Beretta .25 caliber automatic. SN B60261, from [REDACTED]. This weapon was registered on 11/8/65.

[REDACTED] advised records of the Indiana State Police did not contain any additional information concerning [REDACTED]

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[redacted]
[redacted] advised telephone number [redacted] is listed to one [redacted]

[redacted] stated this is known as a foreign-exchange line inasmuch as a number with the prefix 932 is basically a Hammond, Indiana, number; however, in this instance, it is listed to a subscriber who lives in Calumet City, Illinois, as indicated above.

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Will conduct above-indicated investigation at Chicago and Calumet City, Illinois, inasmuch as above information indicates [redacted]
[redacted]



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
February 28, 1966

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During June, 1965, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of "Let Freedom Ring", with headquarters located in Sarasota, Florida. This source advised that [REDACTED] prepares weekly messages under the caption of "Let Freedom Ring" which messages usually are critical of the Federal Government. These messages are recorded and played back to individuals who dial a specific number. This source further advised that the name of [REDACTED] was currently in possession of the "Let Freedom Ring" headquarters and that [REDACTED] receives literature from this organization.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised the FBI during July, 1964, that [REDACTED] is a charter member of and acknowledged as [REDACTED] of the Mac Arthur Gun Club in Bradenton and Sarasota, Florida. This source advised that the Mac Arthur Gun Club was organized in May, 1964, for the purpose of forming a "home guard to protect whites against a Negro insurrection." During April, 1965, this source advised that meetings of the Mac Arthur Gun Club had not been held since November, 1964, and that no additional meetings of the organization were planned and that the organization would not be reactivated.

- 10 - Bureau
- 3 - Tampa (157-1419)
- 1 - Secret Service, Chicago
- ③ - Chicago (157-888)
- 1 - 100-29897
- ① - 157-716

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Re: [redacted]

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SARASOTA, FLORIDA

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On October 26, 1965, [redacted]
Calumet City Police Department, Calumet, Illinois, advised the
Chicago Office of the FBI that [redacted]
[redacted] and allegedly is the subscriber to
telephone number [redacted] which telephone
number when dialed gives a message sponsored by "Let Freedom Ring".

On December 10, 1965, [redacted]
Indiana State Police, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised the Indianapolis
Office of the FBI that the records of the Indiana State Police
reflect the following information concerning [redacted]

On October 16, 1965, [redacted] purchased a German .25 caliber
automatic, number 55792, from Ike's Sports-Cameras-Hobbies, 2240
West 11th Avenue, Gary, Indiana (signed by [redacted]). This
weapon was registered on October 18, 1965. On October 30, 1965,
[redacted] purchased a Colt .45 Government, number 25166, from [redacted]
[redacted] The Indiana
State Police records reflect this weapon was registered on
November 1, 1965. On November 3, 1965, [redacted] purchased a Beretta
.25 caliber automatic, serial number B60261, from [redacted]
[redacted] This weapon was registered
on November 8, 1965.

[redacted] advised the records of the Indiana State
Police did not contain any additional information concerning [redacted]

On January 4, 1966, a third source, who has furnished
reliable information in the past, advised the Indianapolis Office
of the FBI that telephone number [redacted] is listed to [redacted]
[redacted]

On February 24, 1966, [redacted] Personnel Office,
United States Post Office, 422 West Van Buren Street, Chicago,
Illinois, advised the Chicago Office of the FBI that [redacted]

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LET FREEDOM RING
SARASOTA, FLORIDA
RM
(OO: Tampa)

Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 11/15/65 and
Indianapolis letter to the Bureau dated 1/31/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of a letter-
head memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned matter.

A copy of this LHM is being furnished to the
United States Secret Service at Chicago, Illinois.

The first source mentioned in this LHM is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The second source mentioned in this LHM is
[REDACTED]

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- 3 - Tampa (157-1419) (Encls. 3) (RM)
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The third source mentioned in this LHM is [redacted]

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Chicago Division is conducting no further investigation in this matter.

No SGE letter is being submitted since no information is available to Chicago indicating any subversive affiliations on the part of [redacted] Bureau may wish to consider dissemination to the U. S. Post Office in view of [redacted] employment. As indicated a copy has been furnished U. S. Secret Service in view of information indicating affiliation with a group critical of the government and the weapons apparently in possession of [redacted]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (157-716)

DATE: 6/14/66

FROM :



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SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING
CHICAGO TELEPHONE NUMBER
463-1786
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On instant date [redacted]
[redacted] telephonically contacted the
writer and related following information:

Complainant stated that he is a high school student and was informed by other students (not further identified) that if you dial GOD-1786 you will receive a recorded message in regards to "Communist propaganda."

Complainant stated that he wanted to inform the FBI of this matter and telephone number. The writer informed the complainant that this information would be made a matter of record in this office.

The writer obtained the following subscriber of telephone number 463-1786 through Illinois Bell Telephone 2080 service:

Let Freedom Ring,
3709 West Irving Park Road
Chicago, Illinois

The writer then dialed 463-1786 and the following recorded message was obtained:

"Let Freedom Ring. The Communist conspiracy strange as it may at first seem is very interested in the American mental health movement. They want to convince the American people that anyone who is patriotic and anti-Communist is a little crazy and possibly dangerous. How do these modern arbiters of what is mentally healthy think?"

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

One of the leaders of this brave new world said recently that a steady decline in the dominance of religion would be good for the human race. Now that is how they are going to make you more healthy mentally at least in their eyes, although your minister may not agree. [redacted]

(phonetic), [redacted] is representative of the national leadership in the mental health field. [redacted] has said 'We are going to have to overhaul a great many things that we have sworn by throughout history.' Now this would include, according to [redacted] thinking the United States Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Decalogue. If you believe in these things you are probably headed for mental illness according to [redacted] because these are 'myths that most intelligent people no longer believe.'

[redacted] (phonetic), a long time [redacted] in the Mental Health Association, took the Fifth Amendment when asked about his Communist association before a government committee. A [redacted] (phonetic), [redacted] (phonetic), and [redacted] (phonetic) [redacted] in the mental health movement have had Communist associations and have belonged to Communist front organizations.

"We urge our listeners especially those involved in mental health on the local level to send \$.25 in coin for further documentation on the subversive nature of the mental health movement. Send your \$.25 to the Mental Health Fraud Box 1775, Sarasota, Florida. Let Freedom Ring. [redacted] (unintelligible) [redacted] Let Freedom Ring.

"And thanks to the American patriots who are"

At this point the conversation was abruptly ended by the speaker.

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*FED. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
219 S. DEARBORN ST.
CHICAGO, ILL. 60611*

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Chicago, Illinois 60604
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Dear [redacted]

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This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
January 6, 1967.

Please be advised that I have no material available
relative to illegal drugs and for your information investiga-
tions relating to illegal drugs or narcotics is not within the
investigative jurisdiction of this agency, but rather is of
interest to the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, Room 1836, United
States Court House and Federal Office Building, 219 South
Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60604, and/or the Bureau of Drug
Abuse Control, Room 1709, 205 West Wacker Drive, Chicago,
Illinois 60606.

Very truly yours,


H. W. JOHNSON
Special Agent in Charge

Copy of acknowledgement to [redacted] is
being furnished your agency in the event they might contact your
agency for information concerning narcotics. Attached hereto
for your information is a copy of [redacted] letter
and also three newspaper clippings concerning "Let Freedom Ring."

Bureau of Narcotics and Bureau of Drug Abuse
Control sent copies of Serials 15, 22 and 25
of 157-716

- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - Bureau of Narcotics (Enclosures 4)
- 1 - Bureau of Drug Abuse Control (Enclosures 4)
- ① - Chicago (157-716)

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO 157-716

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FROM :

[Redacted]

SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING:
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On instant date, [Redacted] Lemont,
Illinois, telephonically advised as follows:

There is a recorded message through telephone number [Redacted]
[Redacted] which message, the complainant feels should be brought
to the attention of the FBI. This message is a criticism of
President Johnson's policies regarding a "selling out of the
Panama Canal" and also criticized the President for a policy
of "isolationism". Complainant added that message is initiated
with the phrase "Let Freedom Ring" and is concluded with the
listener being encouraged to send 25¢ to Box 1775, Sarasota,
Florida, for additional information. It is noted that ~~xxxx~~
individual making this recording is ~~identified~~ self identified as
[Redacted]

Indices negative re [Redacted]

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United States Secret Service
Room 1936
United States Court House
and Federal Building
319 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: [redacted]
"Let Freedom Ring"

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 3, 1969, requesting information concerning the organization "Let Freedom Ring". Please be advised that our files reflect the following information concerning this organization:

On October 22, 1962, the "Sarasota Herald-Tribune" carried an article concerning a recorded telephone message which severely criticized former President John F. Kennedy and Premier Ahmed Ben Bella of Algeria. The message began with "Let Freedom Ring" and ended in the same manner.

The Congressional Record-Appendix, dated August 20, 1964, contains remarks by the Honorable Herman Toll of New York concerning hatemongers who call themselves "Let Freedom Ring" (LFR) and their recorded telephone messages.

An undated publication released by LFR, Incorporated, Post Office Box 645, Sarasota, Florida, describes itself as a "non-profit corporation, established to disseminate anti-

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communist, anti-socialist, pro-American broadcasts via a telephone tape recording" and indicates one may dial a number to obtain these messages. The publication also reflects the scripts are documented and written in Augusta, Florida.

On September 4, 1965, "Chicago's American, Diamond Pinali" and "The Chicago Sun-Times, Four Star Pinali", carried articles concerning protests being made by various organizations to the Federal Communications Commission concerning recorded telephone messages in the Chicago area sponsored by the LHM of Shreveport, Florida. The articles reported a link between the LHM and the John Birch Society and labeled the messages as "subversive and extremist attacks and libels on individuals and institutions". The examination, according to the articles, [redacted]

[redacted] and a member of the John Birch Society. Additional articles concerning the protests appeared in the "Chicago Tribune" on September 2, 1965, in the "Chicago Sun-Times" on September 25, 1965, October 18, 1965, and November 20, 1965, and in the "Chicago Daily News" on November 19, 1965.

Our files also reflect that in 1965 the Chicago telephone number 488-1786 could be contacted for messages from the LHM. This number was listed to the LHM, 3700 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois.

If this office can be of any other assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to request the information desired.

Very truly yours,

M. V. JOHNSON
Special Agent in Charge

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US Secret Service has been advised as to information in file concerning the nature of the organization "Let Freedom Ring"

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Special Agent *Fed. Bu of Narcotics*Number of items disseminated: 4

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Agent *was advised as to background information re Let Freedom Ring.*

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Memorandum

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On 12/16/71, [REDACTED] Fraud Investigator, Carson Pirie Scott & Company, 1 South State, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted re another matter and disclosed at the end of the interview he had information re [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] further advised that [REDACTED] is known to associate with one [REDACTED] but he had no information as to the background on these individuals. [REDACTED] also stated that [REDACTED] USPO, is looking into the fraud aspect of this matter.

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AUGUST 1965—VOL. 16, No. 5—PUBLISHED BY THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH

'Let Freedom Ring'

Let Freedom Ring, a new voice of the Radical Right in America, whispers—in an area where so many shout raucously. It is a quiet recorded voice on the telephone, the constantly changing and always anonymous voice of a man or a woman with a 90-second sermon of fear called a "patriotic message." It can be dialed at any hour of the day or night in some thirty or more cities. For extremists it is a most promising device in their growing store of propaganda techniques.

On April 6, 1965, after the Selma to Montgomery civil rights march, a man in Baltimore, promised a revealing message, dialed a much-publicized number to hear:

"The carnival in Alabama is over and the result is increased hatred between the races, two dead, and a Constitution that is about to be ripped to shreds by a panicky Congress bowing to mob rule and White House tyranny."

A New Yorker dialing a Yukon exchange number heard a similar report. Another man in Chicago, or still another in Miami or in Southern Pines, North Carolina, could hear much the same thing. In each city the listener was alone and attentive, the speaker nameless but of seeming authority, the message provocative and extremist.

Let Freedom Ring, with national headquarters at P.O. Box 1775 in Sarasota, Florida, is the creation of William Campbell Douglass, M.D., a Sarasota physician who is a member of the John Birch Society. Douglass explains his operation in a mimeographed prospectus:

"*Let Freedom Ring* is a non-profit corporation established to disseminate anti-Communist, anti-Socialist, pro-American broadcasts via a telephone tape recording. Your 'customer' dials a number (just like time and weather) and gets two minutes of anti-Communist dynamite. . . .

"*Let Freedom Ring* brings to your area a hard-hitting, often shocking program that is 'on the air' twenty-four hours a day. . . . You will be amazed at the frantic reaction that you will get from your enemies—they will hate it!"

The Fright Network

By the summer of 1965, after less than three years in business, Dr. Douglass's network of telephone "stations" had spread to many of the major cities across the nation. *Let Freedom Ring* message stations now operate in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit (which boasts ten tape machines with ten telephone numbers), Baltimore, Miami, Dallas, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Wichita, Sacramento, and in several cities in the Los Angeles area. In addition, there are stations in Decatur, Bedford, and Calumet City, Illinois; Jacksonville, Sarasota, and Clearwater, Florida; Knoxville, Tennessee; Boulder, Colorado; Port Arthur, Texas; Long Beach, California; Brockton, Massachusetts; Summit, New Jersey; Nashua, New Hampshire, and Southern Pines, North Carolina. Even as this list is compiled, a dozen additional franchise applications are pending.

Each week, each of these outlets presents a new "patriotic message" to callers in its area—each spoken calmly but so worded as to arouse suspicion, fear and anger, or the urge to enlist in organized Radical Right activity.

Each message continues for a minute-and-a-half, or sometimes two minutes. It is recorded on tape and played automatically to anyone who dials an advertised phone number. This is done by using the Bell Telephone System's Automatic Announcement Service equipment, an apparatus incorporating recorder, playback, and telephone connections in a single unit. This equipment can be rented from local telephone companies at costs varying from \$20 to \$45 monthly (multiple numbers and other optional devices being available). All such arrangements are made and paid for by the local *Let Freedom Ring* subscriber.

Radical Rightist Scripts

The automatic phone-tape service is available to anyone, is easily installed, and is cheap enough to make it an economical medium for propaganda. The scripts are supplied by Dr. Douglass—his single responsibility under the franchise agreement—and they cost the subscriber \$24 the first year, \$12 a year thereafter. The local outlet agrees to use at least 40 of the 52 scripts supplied each year. This leaves "an average of one broadcast per month for the subscriber to air local issues in his immediate area."

LFR scripts, like most of the output of the Radical Right, are lurid visions of a "Communist conspiracy" lurking behind Civil Rights, the UN, the Supreme Court, the last three U.S. Presidents, the State Department, the press, the National Council of Churches, the ACLU, the ADL, and on and on. Early in *LFR*'s history—at the time of the Cuban crisis in 1962—the telephone messages from Sarasota asked:

"How long will the American people put up with treason right in the White House itself? How long before the American people demand the impeachment of John F. Kennedy?"

And more recently (January 26, 1965):

"America will soon be in a position of hopeless military inferiority to the beasts of Russia because of deliberate disarmament by traitors in the Johnson Administration."

From such "scripts" it is easily understandable that *Let Freedom Ring* has been recommended by Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, as a worthwhile interest for his members. Dr. Douglass writes the *LFR* scripts, compiling his data from "intelligence reports" and other esoteric-sounding sources which he says are "not generally available." The usual Birch line is discernible in much of the material although *Let Freedom Ring* has on occasions unearthed a "conspiracy" the nature of which suggests that at least some of the Doctor's

"intelligence" has been derived from the more excited bulletins and tracts of the far-out fringe.

In his script for the week of April 28, 1964, for example, Dr. Douglass stirred some of his callers' deeper fears (emphasis retained from the original script):

"The pro-Communist toadies within the Johnson Administration must at all costs keep the truth from the American electorate. If they win the election, they will no longer care what you think, for by 1966 America will have ceased to exist . . . There are only three possible answers to Lyndon Johnson's criminal neglect of these problems that bear so heavily on our very survival:

"One: Ignorance. . . With our multi-million dollar intelligence establishment this would seem hardly possible.

"Two: Cowardice on the part of the President and his State Department pink ladies in striped trousers.

"Three: Treason, with the President being a captive or willing tool of the Communist Conspiracy.

"Americans can no longer trust the Executive Branch of our Government."

Seeds of Distrust

Such seeds of distrust have been spread by the recorded telephone voices through ever-widening circles. During the week of May 12, 1964, the unseen patriotic "experts" parroted the following dire warning of Dr. Douglass (emphasis again retained from the original):

"Another fact ignored by the Press is that the Communist-ling National Council of Churches is openly promoting bloodshed through armed revolution by Negroes. There is documented proof that Negroes are being armed for open revolution this summer.

"The Communists, working through their errand boys in Congress and the White House, are working feverishly to have passed a bill that will outlaw the ownership of guns by private citizens while at the same time they are urging armed rebellion by Negroes. These carefully coordinated drives are aimed at simultaneously disarming the American people and overwhelming them through Communist-controlled revolts . . . and we also urge our listeners to purchase a rifle or a pistol for home defense. We are not—we repeat—we are not promoting insurrection as does the National Council of Churches. We are merely urging you to exercise your constitutional and God-given right to protect yourself . . ."

The incitement to "anti-Communist" arms-gathering had been buttressed by tales of a weird government plot against such "God-given" rights (*LFR* broadcast in February, 1964):

"At the University of Michigan a plan is being developed for the systematic house-to-house search of the entire United States for arms of any kind. The search is to be made by the U.S. Army by blocking off five states at a time, beginning in the western part of the country. The entire civilian population is to be disarmed by the end of 1965."

That horror story so incensed Senator Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.) that he queried officials of the Defense Department to establish the truth as a matter of public record. The Senator inserted the following official Department reply in the *Congressional Record* of October 2, 1964:

"This charge is absurd, completely false, and reflects the hallucinations of an aberrated mind."

Javits added an interesting note: the story appeared to

have been taken bodily from the October, 1963, issue of "On Target," official publication of the para-military "Minute-men" organization.

William Campbell Douglass, M.D., conceived of recorded telephone messages as an "unstoppable" anti-Communist weapon during a long tour of active duty as a U.S. Navy doctor (1957-62). The Navy years did not dull his ideological zeal and soon after leaving the service he set up the first station of *Let Freedom Ring* in Sarasota. Apparently failing to establish his organization as a common-law trust, he finally incorporated *LFR* in the state of Florida as an "educational" organization on July 20, 1964.

Douglass was born in Port Deposit, Maryland, on June 2, 1926. He graduated from Sarasota Senior High School, where he was an average student, in 1944. After years spent at many jobs in many states, Douglass entered the University of Miami Medical School, graduating in 1957. After his five-year Navy tour he settled at 6916 Point of Rocks Road in Sarasota, where he now lives with his wife and two children.

In the reception room of Douglass's professional offices at 1812 Hillview Street, there are stacks of Right Wing propaganda materials which make possible, for each patient, an "educational" hour of waiting. These include the latest issues of the *Birchite American Opinion* magazine and the *Dan Smoot Report*, and flyers advertising the Christian Crusade radio program of Dr. Billy James Hargis.

At one time Douglass was warned to end his practice of distributing such Radical Rightist material to patients at the local hospital—not merely to his own patients—and he stopped doing so. He continues, however, to supply local news vendors in Sarasota with books such as John Stormer's *None Dare Call it Treason* and *The Strange Death of Marilyn Monroe* by Frank A. Capell.

Douglass is a political activist. In addition to his Birch Society membership, he is a member of the advisory board of the Conservative Society of America, the Radical Right political crusade headed by Kent and Phoebe Courtney of New Orleans. The Courtneys have for some years sought formation of a Far Right third political party, which Douglass himself sees as the ultimate answer to the crowding Red "conspiracy."

Third Party Advocate

When, on the last weekend of April, 1965, the Courtneys rallied a "Congress of Conservatives" in Chicago to lay the foundation for a national Right Wing party, Dr. Douglass was listed as one of their featured speakers, along with Birch Society Founder Robert Welch, former Major General Edwin A. Walker, and Medford Evans of the White Citizens' Councils. Home from Chicago, Douglass began drawing plans for a third political party in

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one, its holder therefore a legitimate albeit hypocritical claimant to anonymity. Such anonymity—and the ironic “privacy” of telephone messages—insulates the local *LFR* sponsor against personal responsibility. (Contrast this to the identification and responsibility demanded of publishers and broadcasters.) *Let Freedom Ring's* nameless voices change from week to week, spreading messages of fright and suspicion that no individual person need answer for.

The question of responsibility nettles many who are concerned about the use of a public communications medium for the spreading of hate. Can nothing be done? The telephone companies, passive but unquestionably unwilling partners in Dr. Douglass' operation, have pointed to the dilemma posed by the question of civil liberties. Their position has been succinctly stated by the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania in a letter to the City of Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations:

"1. It is the duty of the Telephone Company to furnish services and facilities to anyone who will use the service in a lawful manner. . . . The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has made it clear that public utilities are not censors. . . ."

"2. Automatic Announcement Service is a regular telephone service which is available to any customer. . . . A user of Automatic Announcement Service determines for himself the content of the messages handled by the service."

"3. Regardless of its views on the contents of recorded messages, the Telephone Company is prohibited from interfering with the lawful exercise of a customer's right of free speech."

Bell System officials have pointed out that public utilities are prohibited under federal statutes from discriminating—i.e., in offering preferential service or in withholding services at will—and further, that they are forbidden to censor or even to monitor private calls. True, the telephone company may intervene in the case of messages which violate criminal laws (e.g., bookmaking operations or obscene calls) when requested to do so by police agencies. Various courts have held, moreover, that the company may act when it has reasonable cause to believe that the telephone is being used for illegal purposes, even without a specific police request. The crucial difficulty is in proving an “illegal” purpose.

In the present case, this would necessitate a reasonable cause for belief that the material of *Let Freedom Ring's* tapes constitutes criminal libel. Telephone officials are hesitant to admit that such reasonable cause exists. Mindful that evidence of criminal libel must usually show a tendency to create a breach of the peace, and fully aware that the courts extend the broadest protection to freedom of speech, these company officials say that they would take action only if advised by law enforcement agencies of the existence of criminal libel in specific cases.

One remedial suggestion that has been offered is to extend to this type of telephonic public announcements the Federal Communications Commission's regulations which are applicable to radio and television broadcasting. Such controls, thoroughly tested and upheld in the courts, provide for a certain degree of Federal control under license requirements to maintain “standards of public convenience, interest, and necessity.” Is there not, in the telephone company's Automatic Announcement Service, a potential that is profoundly similar to that of a radio station—in that such service provides for the increasingly public use of a public communica-

tions medium? The promoter so believes since he speaks of “broadcasts via a telephone tape recording” and of a “program that is ‘on the air’ twenty-four hours a day.”

The telephone company's answer is that phone messages reach only those persons who wish to hear them, thus limiting the ‘broadcast’ nature of Dr. Douglass' programs and negating any tendency on the part of those broadcasts to create a general breach of the peace. (But no one is forced to listen to radio or TV broadcasts either.)

Such arguments, of course, would not invalidate suggestions of the possible need for new Federal legislation—or for a whole new approach, considering the expanding electronic possibilities in the area of telephone communications. For such arguments do not answer the possibility that wide publicity and advertising of the appropriate phone numbers have given *Let Freedom Ring's* anonymous broadcasters a greater daily audience in some cities than many a radio news broadcast. Here, the case for “privacy” may indeed be a shaky one.

Dr. Douglass feels confident, from seeing the recent impact of his operation in various key cities, that *LFR* “cannot be stopped” and that it will become one of the major Right Wing influences within the next two years.

“You will be amazed at the influence that you have on public opinion almost immediately,” he states in his prospectus. “Last year, for instance, we were given credit for having killed the UNICEF Christmas Card drive locally—an accomplishment of which we are very proud.”

Against the Doctor's pride stands a growing indignation among persons and organizations who recognize the perils inherent in the *LFR* technique, which Senator Javits has called a “pushbutton approach to mass libel.”

Javits warned in the Senate on October 2, 1964, that the Douglass network was “a nationwide organization not run by professionals but by enthusiastic amateurs and apparently inaugurated and dedicated to bringing hate and fear within the reach of all.”

✓ The usually conservative California Federation of Republican Women, on May 13, 1965, adopted a resolution calling *Let Freedom Ring's* messages “false and treacherous propaganda” and asked the FBI to look into the “origin, sponsorship, and objectives of this vicious activity.” (The Federation had been particularly angered by an *LFR* script labeling General Eisenhower “pro-Communist” and accusing the former President of having attended a meeting at which he supposedly had joined in a discussion on “the best way to surrender you and your family to the Reds.”)

The question of free speech is bound to arise in any discussion of *LFR's* gross misuse of public utilities. It is noteworthy, then, that a strong statement on the issue of Dr. Douglass' operation has been broadcast by a leading radio station, for broadcasters certainly have a special interest in the preservation of freedom in communications. WCAU, an important radio voice in Philadelphia, has stated:

“WCAU believes that such hate messages . . . are feeding the fires of race hatred and possible violence. And we call upon all decent people to renounce such tactics . . .”

Upon all decent people. Here is where the matter most obviously will rest, as so often it does in a free society—a society whose concept of liberty is broad enough to allow for its own abuse.